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# Agenda

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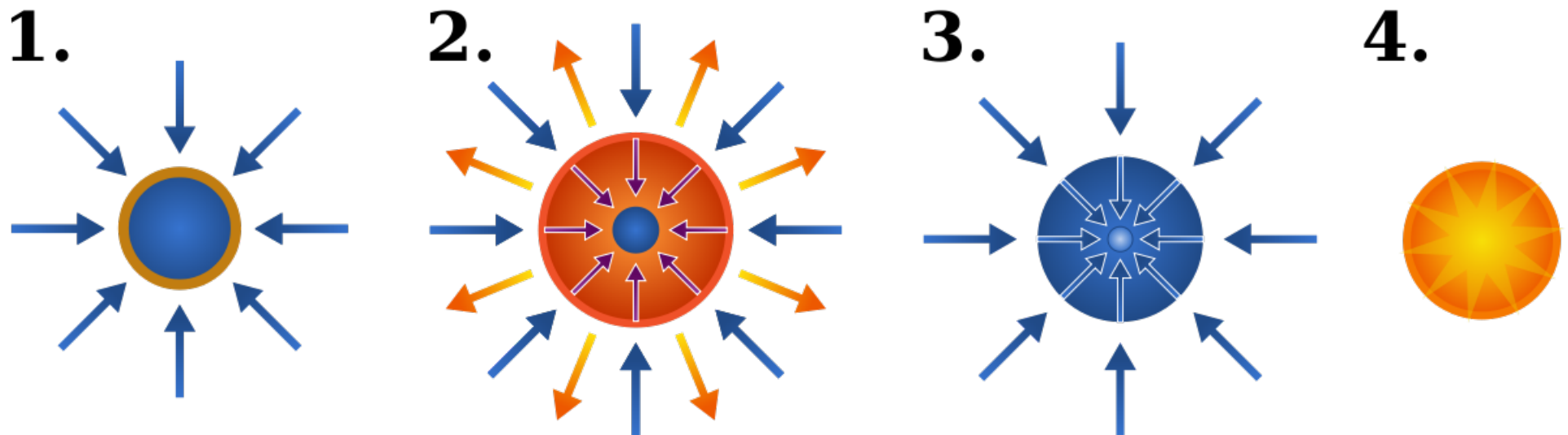
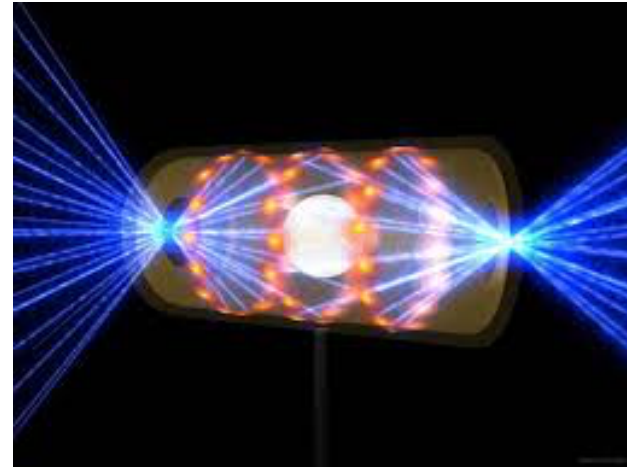
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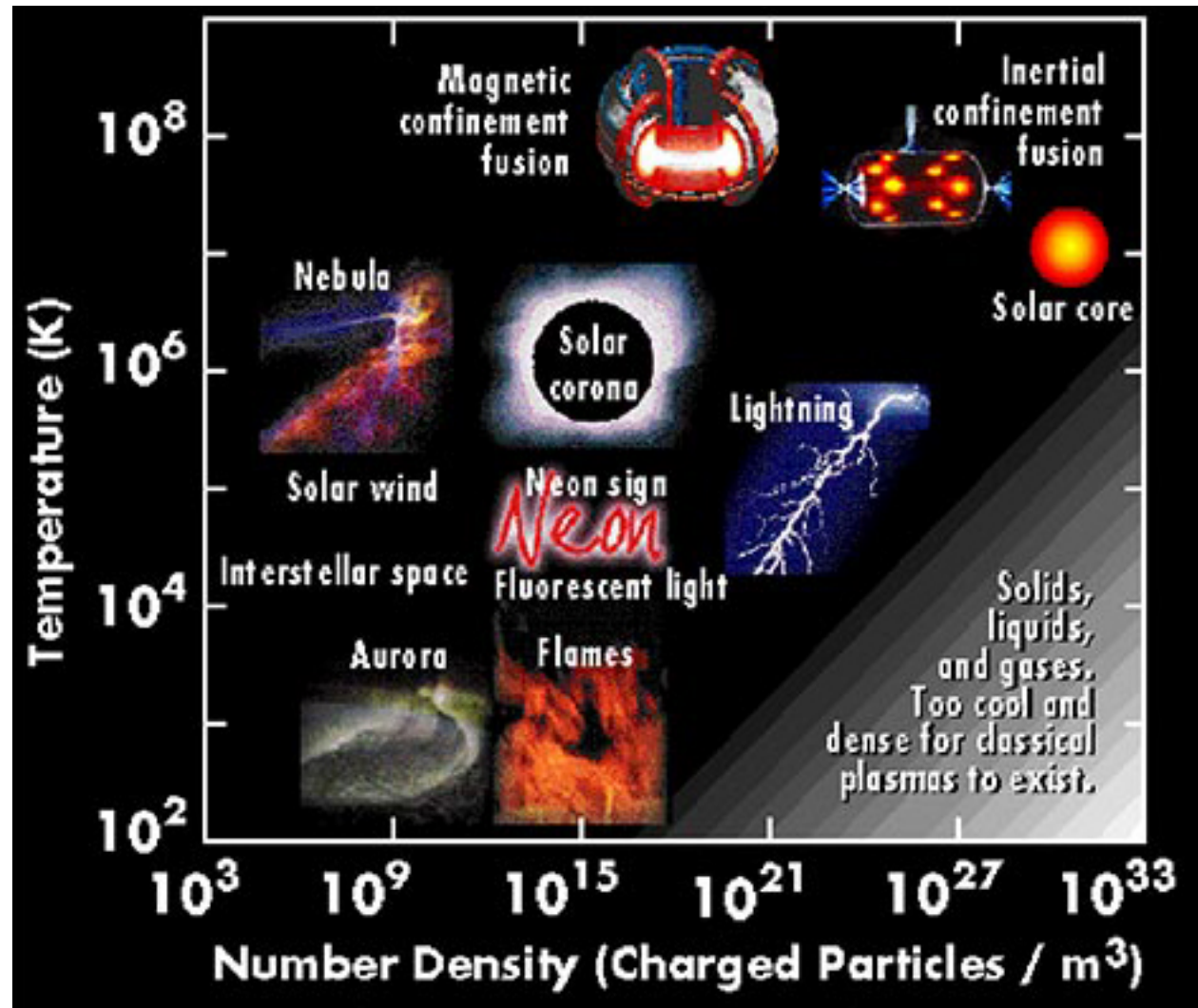
- Motivation and challenges of Rosenbluth-VFP
  - Moderate Knudsen numbers are common in ICF implosions
  - Temporal and spatial resolution requirements
- What we bring to the table
  - Multi-species Vlasov-Rosenbluth-Fokker-Planck + fluid electrons + radiation (eventually)
  - Asymptotic well posedness
    - Fully implicit, nonlinear formulation
    - Fully conservative discrete implementation (mass, momentum, and energy)
  - Orders of magnitude algorithmic speedups
    - Fully implicit timestepping [O(N)]
    - Velocity space dynamic adaptivity
    - Asymptotic treatment of collision operator for disparate  $v_{th}$  ratios
- Numerical verification and application of the algorithm to ICF



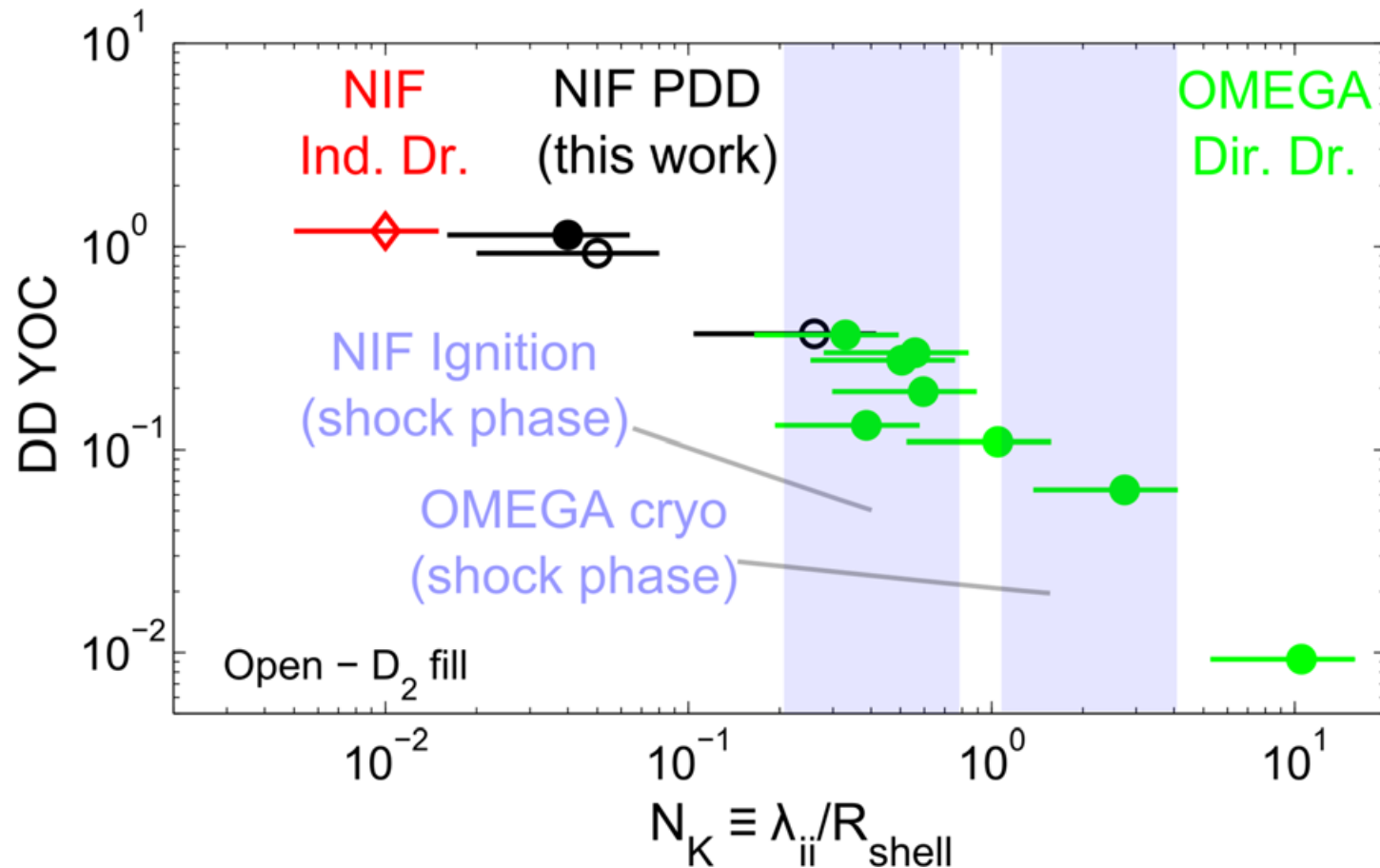
# How does ICF work?



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# Motivation: kinetic effects in ICF are important



From Rosenberg et al., PoP, **21** (2014)

## Motivation (cont.)

- To enable **kinetic simulations of full ICF spherical implosions**, from early time to hot spot formation and disassembly.
  - Kinetic effects might be important in key stages of ICF implosions (e.g., shock phase, hot-spot formation);  $N_k \geq 10^{-1}$
  - Several kinetic effects have been recently suggested as potentially impacting reactivity: Knudsen layer, fuel stratification, shock broadening, kinetic interface mix,...
- **Ultimate role must be discriminated with fully kinetic (Vlasov-Fokker-Planck) simulations.**
- **A credible system-scale VFP simulation capability requires enabling algorithmic developments.**
  - Our implementation follows the multiscale philosophy of early practitioners, but with a very different implementation strategy (fully implicit, strict conservation for asymptotic well-posedness).

# High-fidelity simulations require a **kinetic treatment**

- **Vlasov-Fokker-Planck (Rosenbluth form; equivalent to Landau form)** is the model of choice for weakly coupled plasmas

$$\frac{Df_i}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f_i + \vec{a}_i \cdot \nabla_v f_i = \sum_j C_{ij}(f_i, f_j)$$

$$C_{ij}(f_i, f_j) = \Gamma_{ij} \nabla_v \cdot \left[ D_j \cdot \nabla_v f_i - \frac{m_i}{m_j} A_j f_i \right]$$

$$D_j = \nabla_v \nabla_v G_j \quad A_j = \nabla_v H_j$$

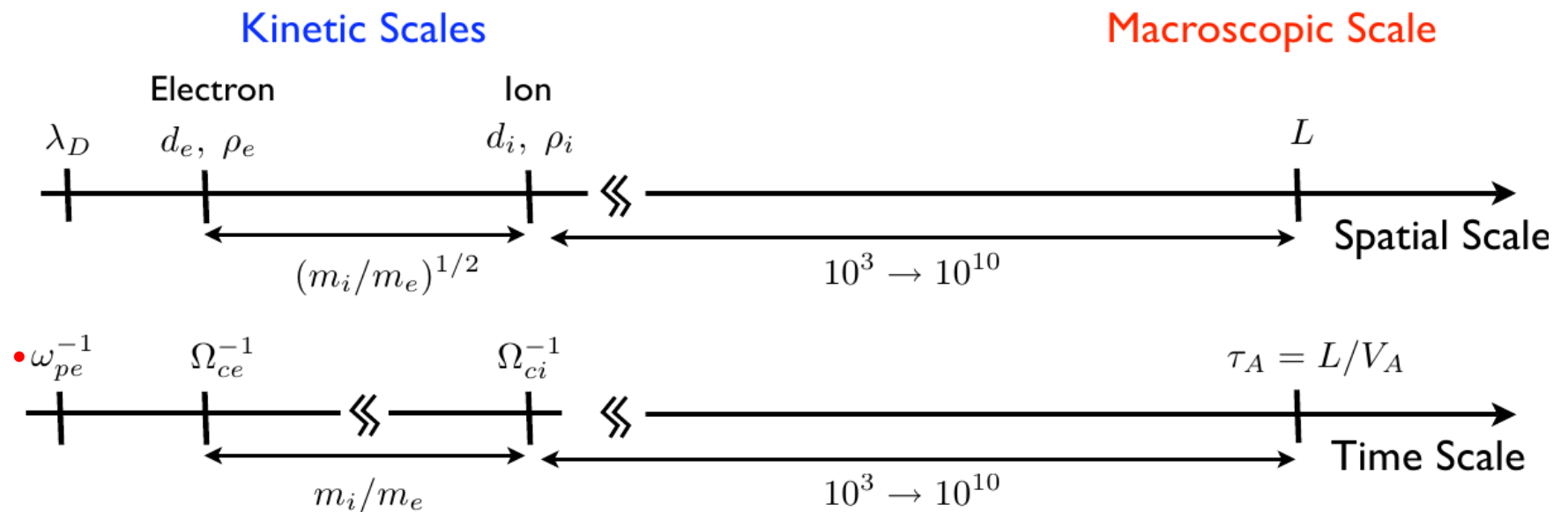
$$\nabla_v^2 H_j(\vec{v}) = -8\pi f_j(\vec{v})$$

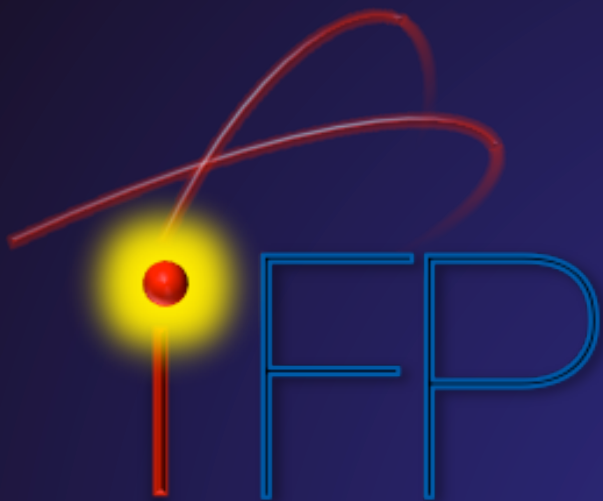
$$\nabla_v^2 G_j(\vec{v}) = H_j(\vec{v})$$

+ electrons + Maxwell's equations...

# VFP+Maxwell is an extremely challenging equation set

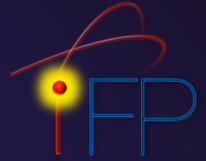
- High dimensionality (3D+3V)
- Nonlinear
- Exceedingly multiscale





# The iFP Vlasov-Fokker-Planck code

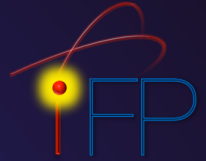
# A multiscale VFP solver for ICF applications



- Consider **1D-2V geometries** (planar, spherical symmetry)
- Consider **suitable asymptotic limits** for Maxwell equations:
  - Electrostatic approximation (exact in 1D,  $\beta \sim 10^3$ - $10^4$  in Omega)
  - Quasineutrality:  $\rho = 0$
  - Ambipolarity:  $j = 0$  (in 1D)
  - Eliminates plasma frequency, Debye length, and charge separation effects (this is OK for our timescales)
- Consider **fluid electrons**:
  - Rigorous model, including thermal and friction forces (Simakov et al, PoP 2014)
  - Massless electrons (regular limit)
  - Eliminates non-local heat transport effects ([drawback](#))
  - Interim approximation (ambipolarity can be imposed with kinetic e)
- **Ions remain fully kinetic**, allow for multiple species



# Model equations: fully kinetic ions + fluid electrons



Vlasov-Fokker-Planck  
for ion species

Fluid electrons

$$\frac{3}{2}\partial_t(n_e T_e) + \frac{5}{2}\partial_x(u_e n_e T_e) - u_e \partial_x(n_e T_e) - \partial_x \kappa_e \partial_x T_e = \sum_{\alpha} C_{e\alpha}$$
$$n_e = -q_e^{-1} \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} \quad u_e = -q_e^{-1} n_e^{-1} \sum_{\alpha \neq e} q_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} u_{\alpha}$$

Electric field model: e pressure, friction, thermal forces

$$E = -\frac{\nabla p_e + \sum_i \mathbf{F}_{ie}}{en_e} = -\frac{\nabla p_e}{en_e} - \frac{\alpha_0(Z_{eff})m_e}{e} \sum_i \nu_{ei}(\mathbf{V}_e - \mathbf{V}_i) - \frac{\beta_0(Z_{eff})}{e} \nabla T_e$$

Simakov and Molvig, PoP **21** (2014)

# ICF kinetic simulation tools are sparse

- French CEA's FPion and FUSE code [*O. Larroche, EPJ, 27 (2003)*]:
  - Semi-implicit ( $\Delta t < \tau_{\text{col}}$  e.g. can't study pusher mix)
  - Adaptive grid, but **non-conservative**
    - Periodic remapping
    - Cannot investigate large mass disparities
- Recent implosion calculations using the LSP code [*T.J.T. Kwan et al., poster, IFSA2015 (2015); A. Le et al, Phys. Plasmas, 2*]
  - Hybrid PIC code + Monte Carlo collision operator
  - Inherits Monte Carlo limitations in convergence and order of accuracy ( $\sim \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\Delta t})$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{N_p})$ )
  - **Issues with energy conservation** [*A. Le et al. KEW, LLNL (2015)*]

# Algorithmic innovations of iFP



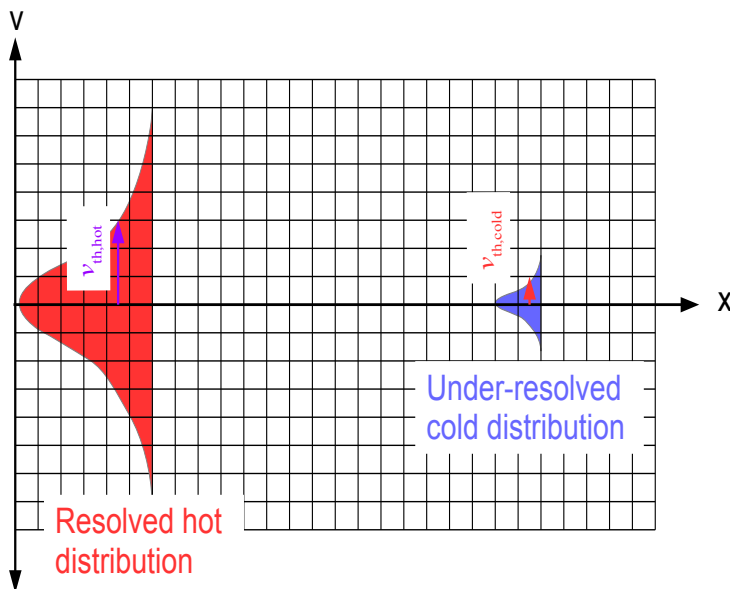
- **Fully nonlinearly time-implicit** ( $\Delta t \gg \tau_{\text{col}}$ )
  - Iterate solution to convergence
  - Based on an optimal multigrid preconditioned NK and AA
- **Optimal, adaptive grid in phase space**
  - Physics based adaptivity in velocity space based on characteristic normalization
  - Optimal moving mesh in physical space
- **Fully conservative** (mass, momentum, and energy) **and asymptotic preserving**
  - Enslavement of error in conservation symmetry into discretization

# ICF adaptive meshing VFP needs

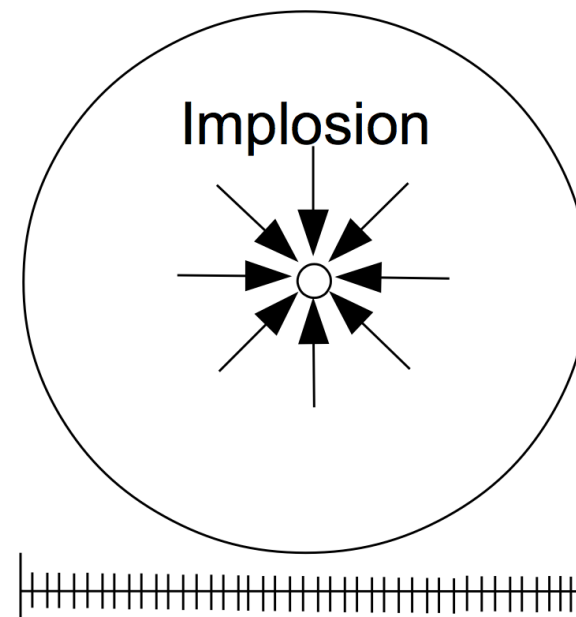


- Disparate temperatures during implosion dictate **velocity resolution**.

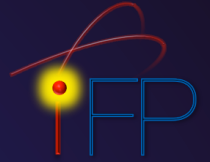
- $v_{th,max}$  determines  $L_v$
- $v_{th,min}$  determines  $\Delta v$



- Shock width and capsule size dictate **physical space resolution**



# Brute-force VFP algorithms (uniform mesh, explicit timestepping) are **impractical** for ICF



- **Mesh requirements:**

- Intra species  $v_{th,max} / v_{th,min} \sim 100$
- Inter species  $(v_{th,\alpha} / v_{th,\beta})_{max} \sim 30$
- $N_v \sim [10(v_{th,max} / v_{th,min}) \times (v_{th,\alpha} / v_{th,\beta})]^2 \sim 10^9$
- $N_r \sim 10^3 - 10^4$
- **$N = N_r N_v \sim 10^{12} - 10^{13}$  unknowns in 1D2V!**

- **Timestep requirements:**

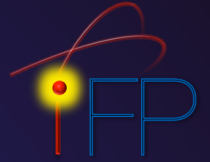
- $t_{sim} = 10 \text{ ns}$

- **$N_t = 10^{10}$  time steps**

$$\Delta t_{exp}^{coll} \sim \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{\Delta v}{v_{th}^{min}} \right)^2 \nu_{coll}^{-1} \sim 10^{-9} \text{ ns}$$

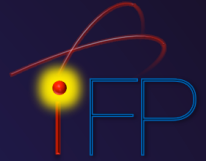
- **Beyond exascale ( $10^{18}$  FLOPS)!**

# Adaptive mesh with implicit timestepping makes problem tractable



- **Mesh requirements:**  $\hat{v} = v/v_{th}$ 
  - v-space adaptivity with  $v_{th}$  normalization,  $N_v \sim 10^4 - 10^5$
  - Moving mesh in physical space,  $N_r \sim 10^2$
  - Second-order accurate phase-space discretization
  - **$N = N_v N_r \sim 10^6 \sim 10^7$**  (vs.  $10^{12}$  with static mesh)
- **Timestep requirements:**
  - Optimal  $O(N_v)$  implicit nonlinear algorithms [Chacon, *JCP*, 157 (2000), Taitano et al., *JCP*, 297 (2015)]
  - Second-order accurate timestepping
  - $\Delta t_{imp} = \Delta t_{str} \sim 10^{-3}$  ns
  - **$N_t \sim 10^3 - 10^4$**  (vs.  $10^{10}$  with explicit methods)
- **Terascale-ready! ( $10^{12}$  FLOPS, any reasonable cluster)**

# $v_{th}$ adaptivity provides an enabling capability to simulate ICF plasmas



- D-e- $\alpha$ , 3 species thermalization problem

- Resolution with static grid:

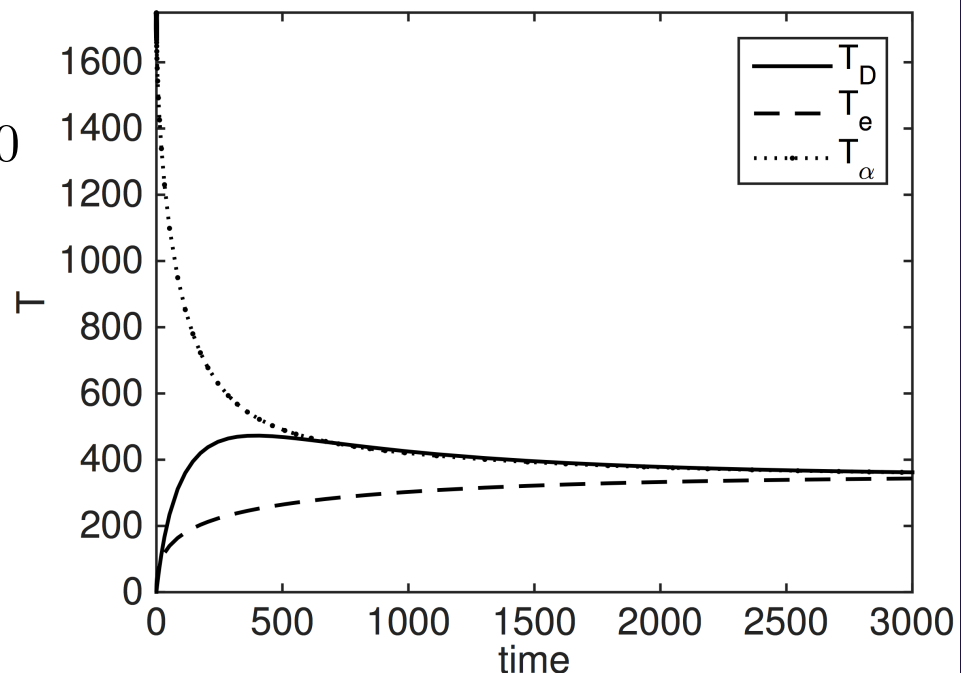
$$N_v \sim 2 \left( \frac{v_{th,e,\infty}}{v_{th,D,0}} \right)^2 = 140000 \times 70000$$

- Resolution with adaptivity and asymptotics:

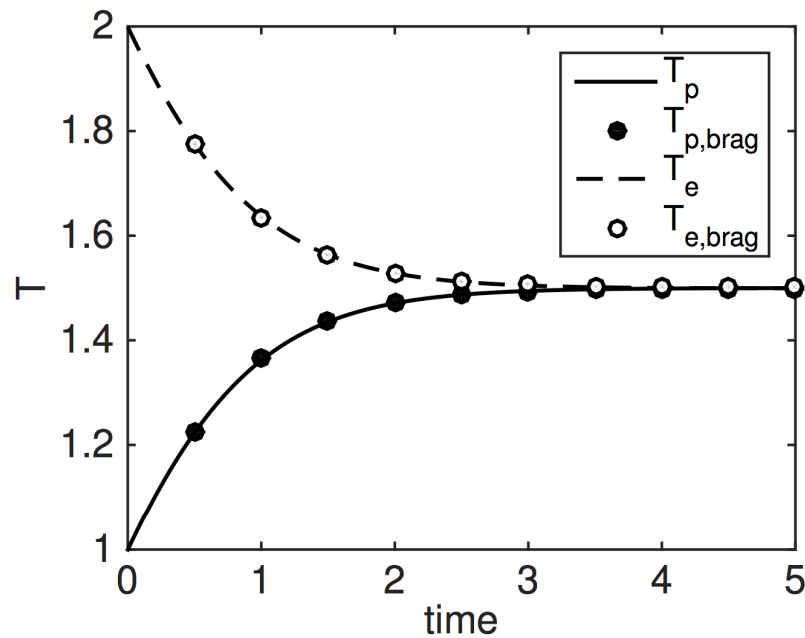
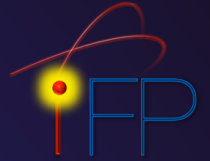
$$N_v = 128 \times 64$$

- Mesh savings of

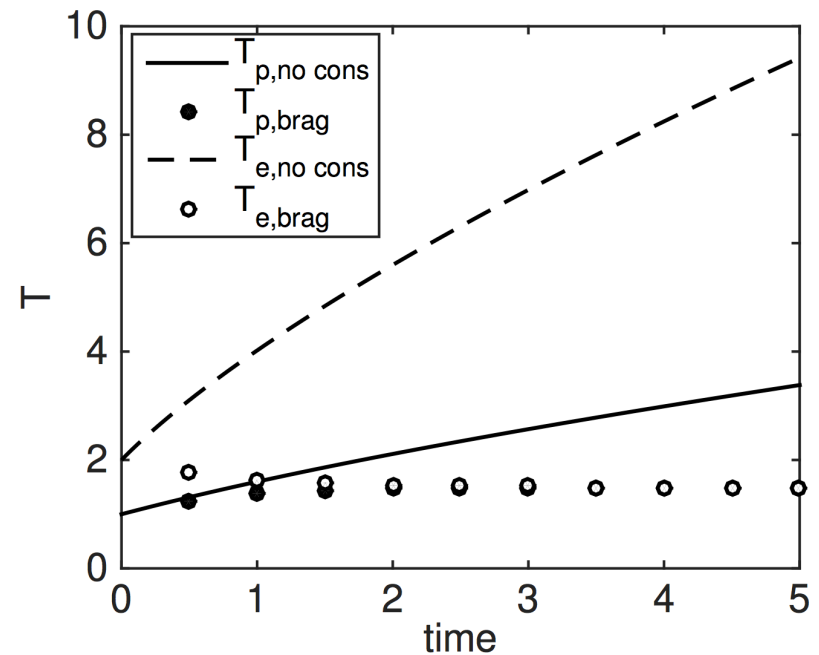
$$\sim 10^6$$



# Conservation of invariants is critical!

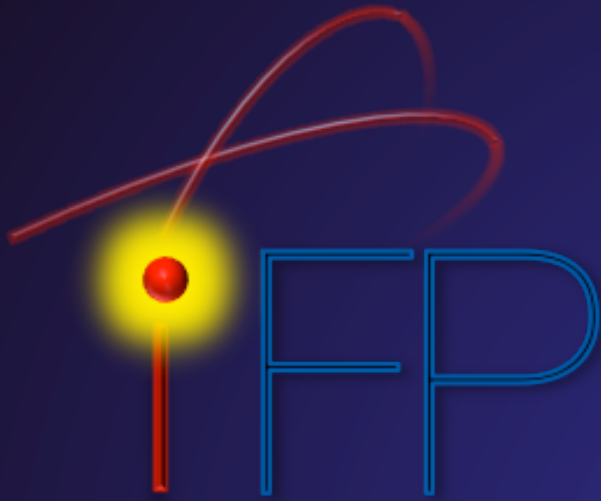


With energy conservation



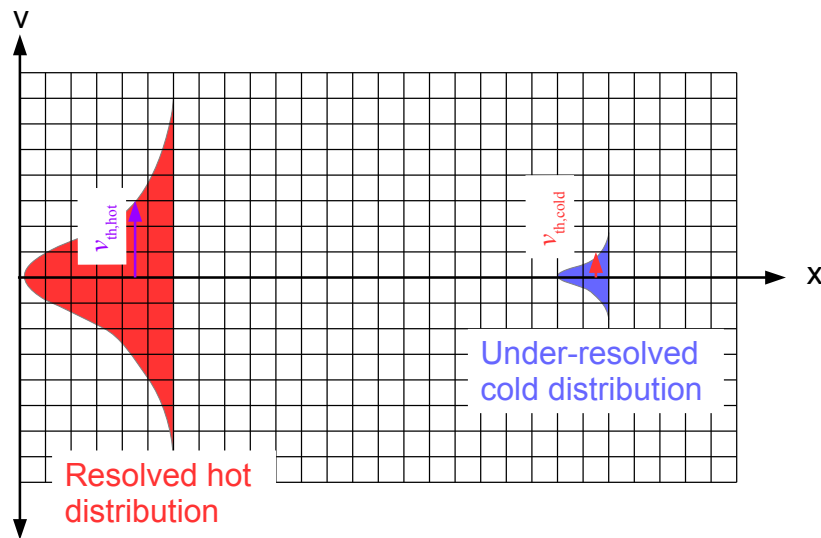
Without energy conservation



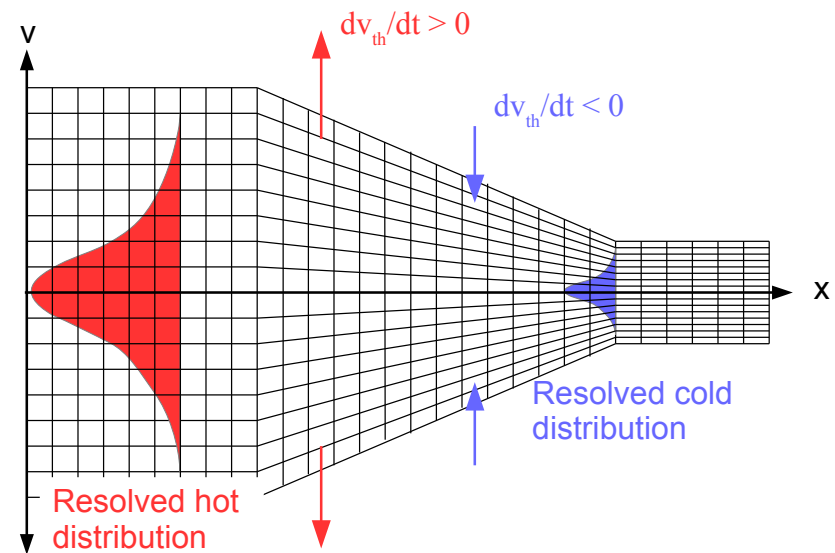


## Formulation of iFP

# 1D-2V Rosenbluth-VFP model: Adaptive velocity space mesh



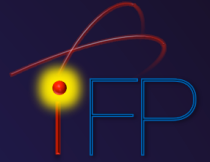
Static Mesh



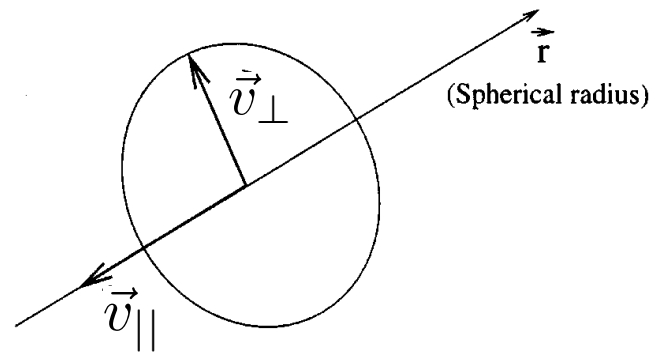
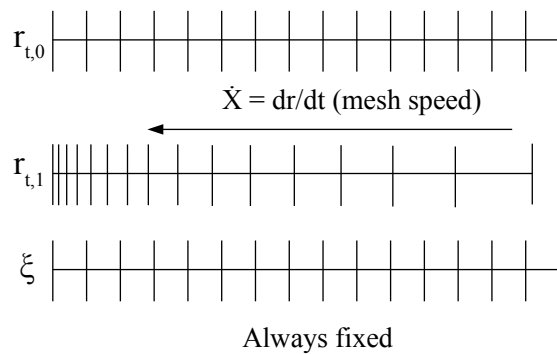
$v_{th}$  Dynamic Mesh

- $v_{th}$  adaptivity allows optimal mesh resolution throughout the domain
- Analytical transformation introduces inertial terms

# Representation and **analytical** coordinate transformation for adaptive meshing



1D spherical (with logical mesh); 2D cylindrical geometry in velocity space



Coordinate transformation:

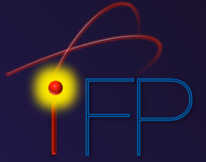
$$\hat{v}_{||} \equiv \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{r}}{v_{th,\alpha}}, \quad \hat{v}_{\perp} \equiv \frac{\sqrt{v^2 - v_{||}^2}}{v_{th,\alpha}}$$

Jacobian of transformation:

$$\sqrt{g_v}(t, r, \hat{v}_{\perp}) \equiv v_{th,\alpha}^3(t, r) r^2 \hat{v}_{\perp}$$

$$J_{r\xi} = \partial_{\xi} r$$

# Coordinate transformation introduces inertial terms



- VRFP equation in transformed coordinates

$$\partial_t (\sqrt{g_v} J_{r\xi} f_\alpha) + \partial_\xi \left( \sqrt{g_v} v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{v}_{||} - \hat{r}_\alpha \right] f_\alpha \right) + \partial_{\hat{v}_{||}} \left( J_{r\xi} \sqrt{g_v} \hat{v}_{||} f_\alpha \right) + \partial_{\hat{v}_\perp} \left( J_{r\xi} \sqrt{g_v} \hat{v}_\perp f_\alpha \right) = J_{r\xi} \sqrt{g_v} \sum_{\beta}^{N_s} C_{\alpha\beta} (f_\alpha, f_\beta)$$

$$\hat{v}_{||} = -\frac{\hat{v}_{||}}{2} \left( v_{th,\alpha}^{-2} \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 + J_{r\xi}^{-1} \left( \hat{v}_{||} - \hat{x} \right) v_{th,\alpha}^{-1} \partial_\xi v_{th,\alpha}^2 \right) + \frac{\hat{v}_\perp^2 v_{th,\alpha}}{r} + \frac{q_\alpha E_{||}}{J_{r\xi} m_\alpha v_{th,\alpha}}$$

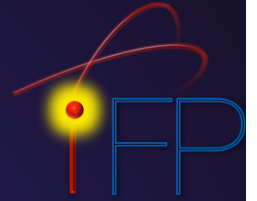
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Inertial terms due to  $v_{th}$  adaptivity and Lagrangian mesh

Taitano, JCP, 318, 2016

Taitano, JCP, 2017, submitted

# Implicit solver strategy: Preconditioned Anderson Acceleration



- Define the nonlinear residual:

$$R = \partial_t f + V E(f) - \nabla_v \cdot [\underline{D} \cdot \nabla_v f - \underline{A} f] = 0$$

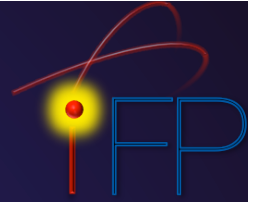
- Consider fixed-point map:  $G(f_k) = f_k - P_k^{-1} R_k = f_{k+1}$ 
  - If  $P_k = J_k$ , we recover Newton's method
- Anderson updates the solution by using history (nonlinear) of solutions to accelerate convergence via:

$$f_{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{m_k} \alpha_i^{(k)} G(f_{k-m_k+i})$$

- Can be readily preconditioned ( $P_k^{-1}$ )
- Suitable for use with non-differentiable residuals (limiters, etc)

D. G. Anderson. Iterative procedures for nonlinear integral equations.  
*J. Assoc. Comput. Machinery*, 12:547–560, 1965.

# Two stage operator splitting in PC operator



$$P^{-1}R = P_x^{-1}P_v^{-1}R$$

**Step 1: Velocity space operators (including collisions)**

$$P_v \circ = \partial_t \circ + V E_v(\circ) - \nabla_v \cdot [\underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \nabla_v \circ - \underline{A} \circ]$$

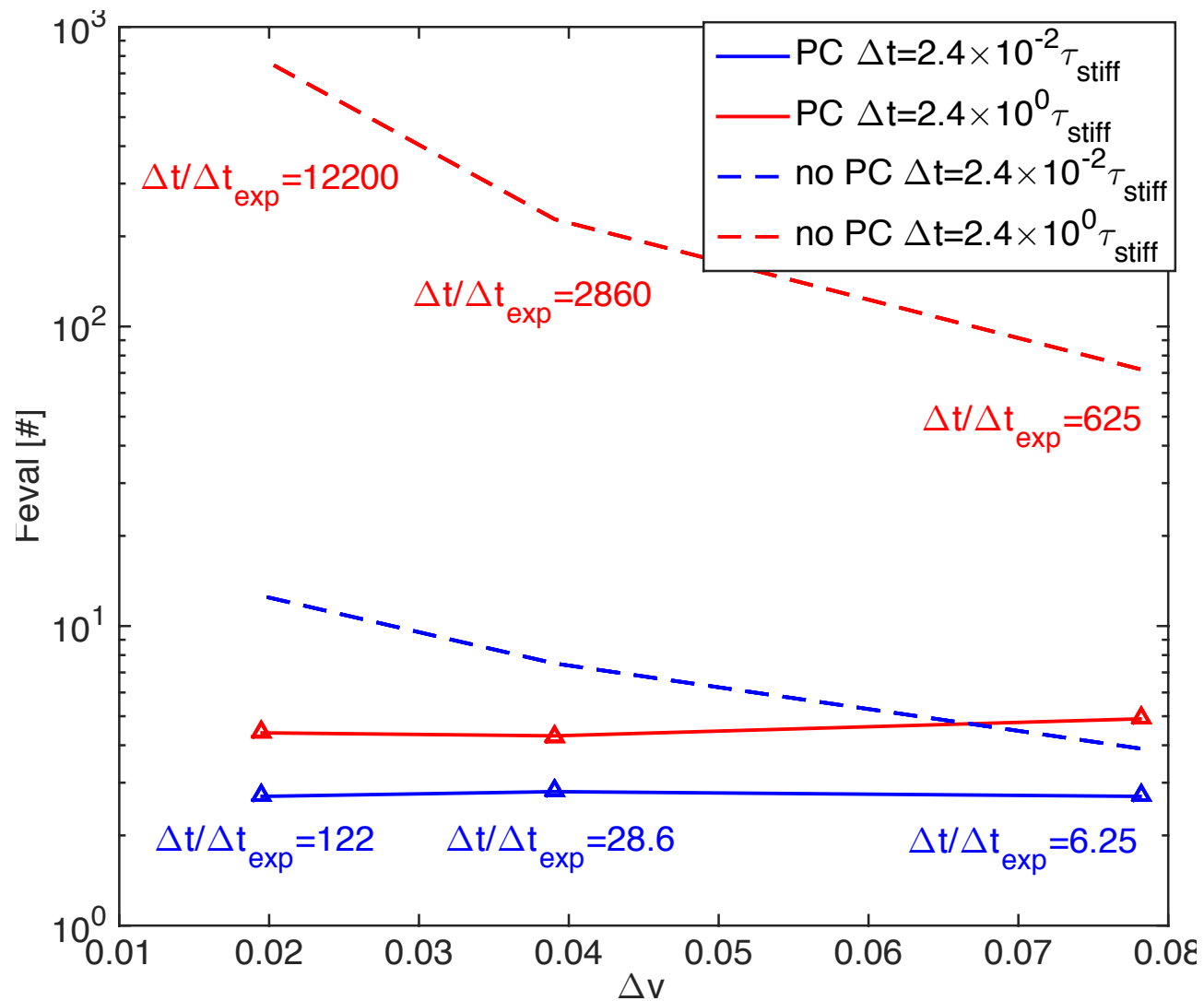
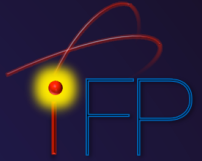
**Step 2: Streaming operator**

$$P_x \circ = \partial_t \circ + \partial_x \circ$$

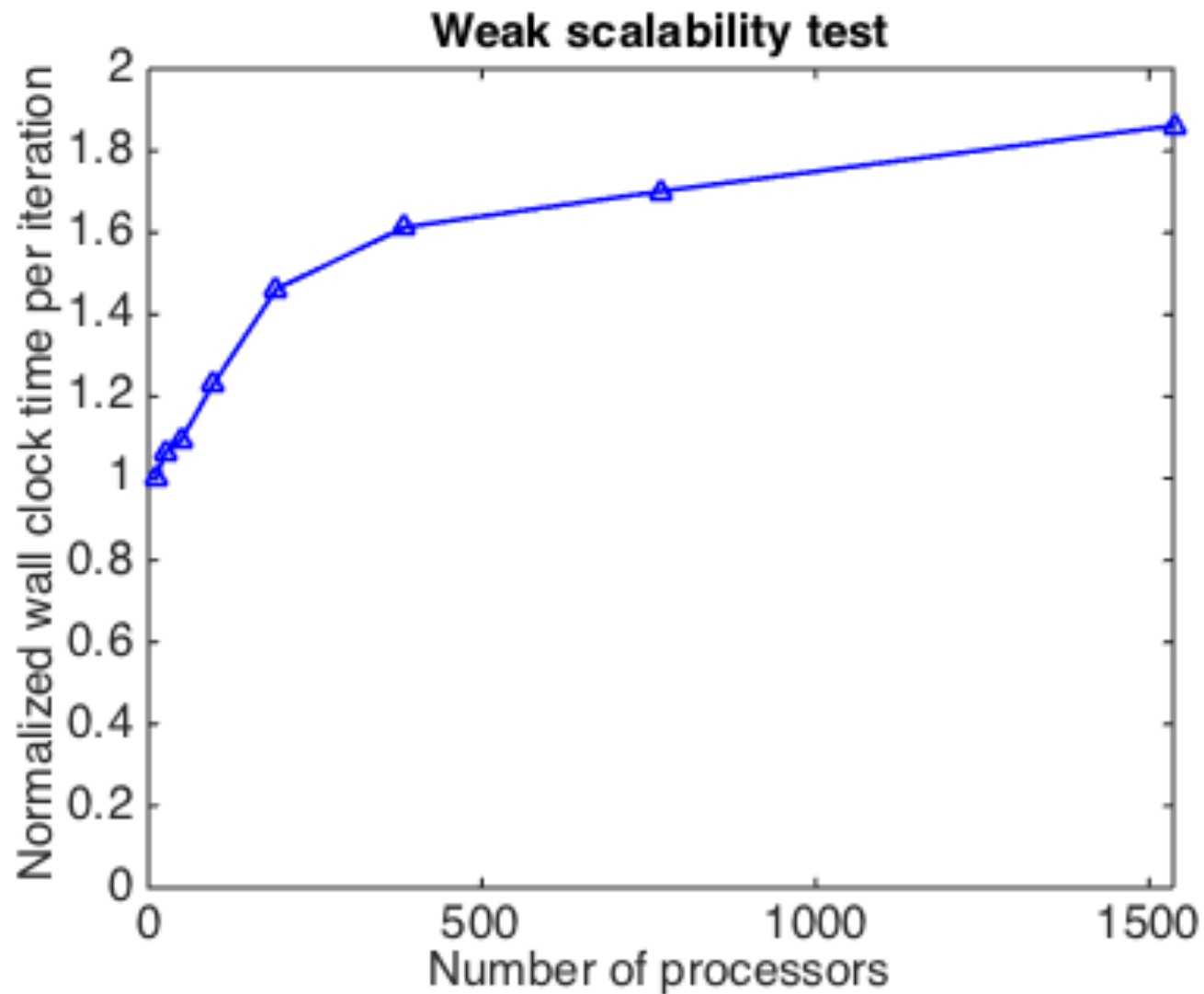
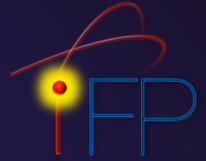
Preconditioner is an *accelerator* of convergence!

No splitting error will be present in the actual solution (driven by the nonlinear residual)

# Nonlinear solver is algorithmically scalable, $O(N_v)$

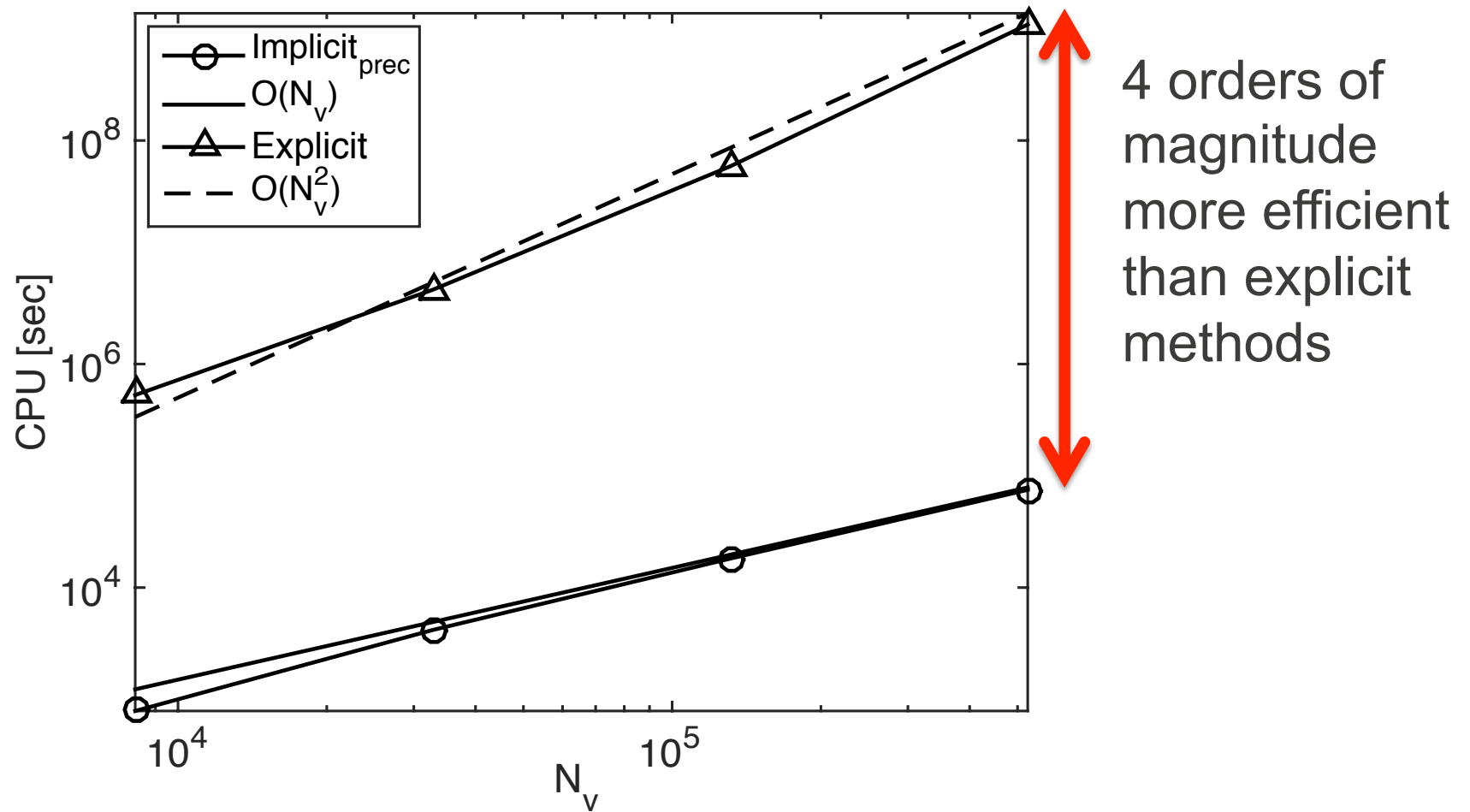
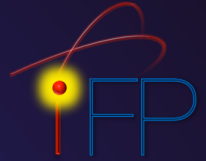


Algorithm is highly scalable in parallel,  $O(N_p)$

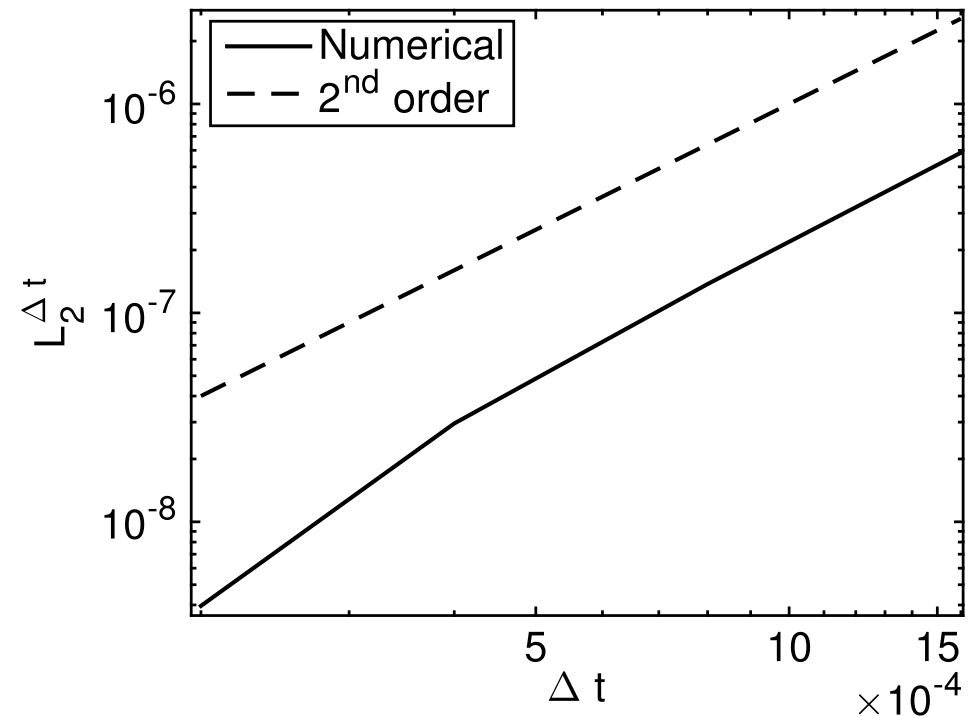
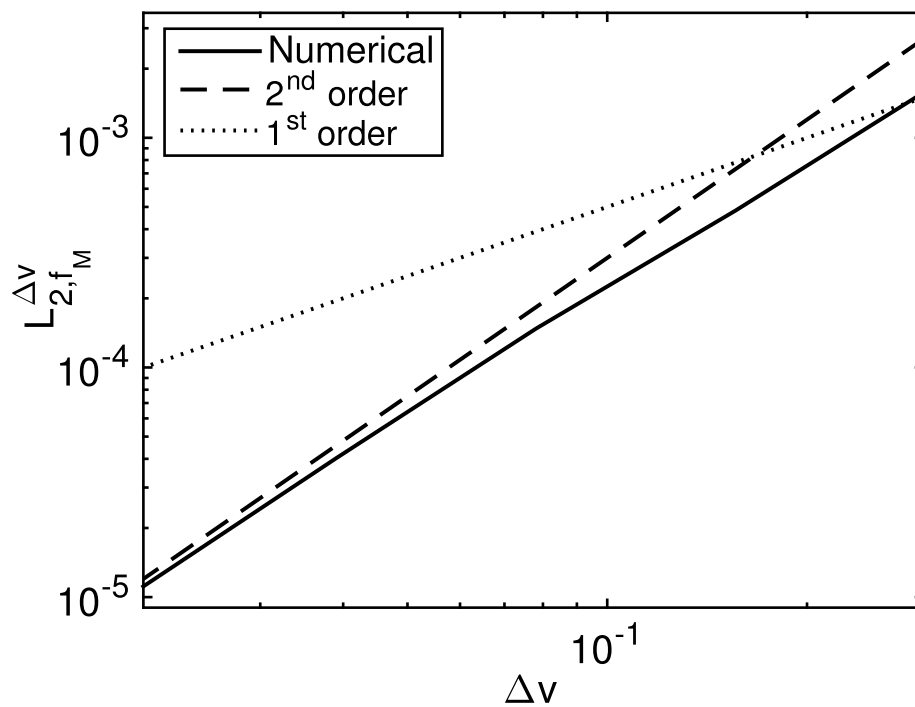
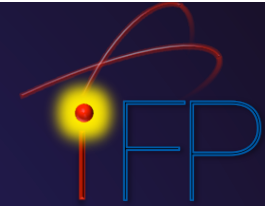




# Implicit solver is **very** efficient



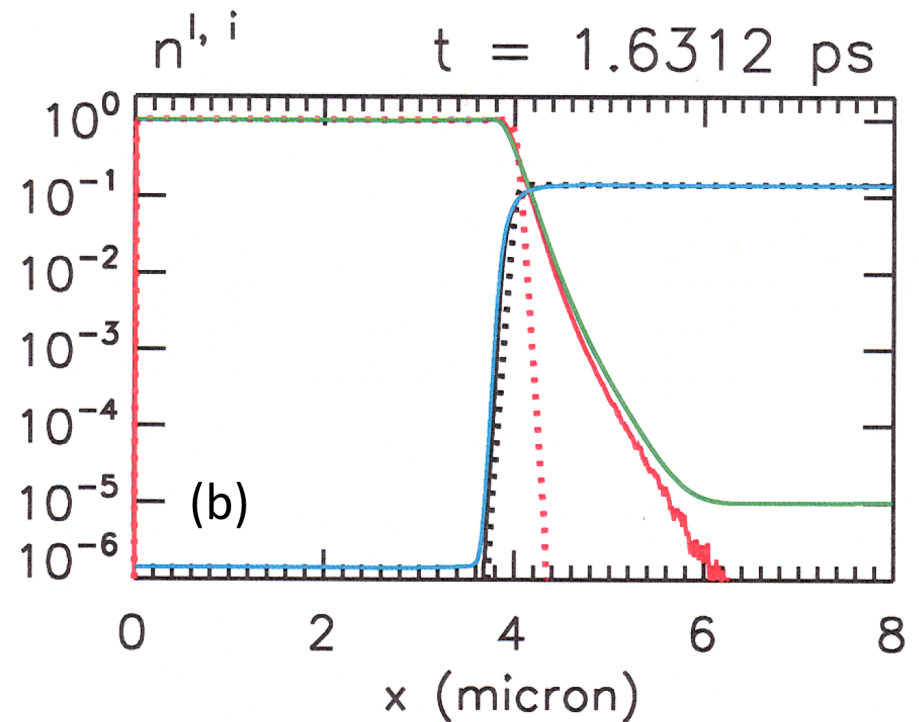
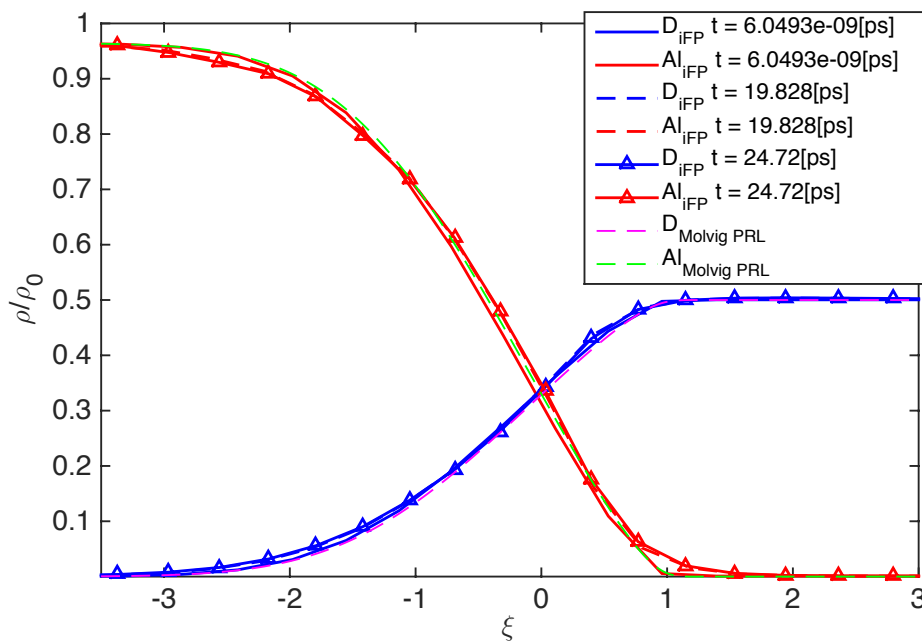
# Algorithm achieves design accuracy (2<sup>nd</sup> order spatially and temporally)

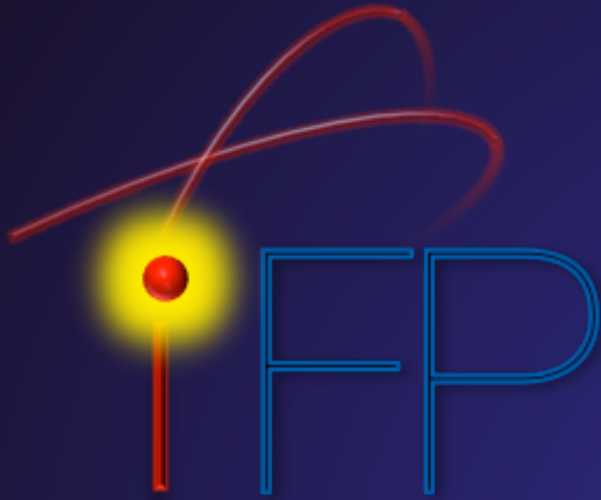


# Algorithm is highly accurate even when $\Delta t \gg \tau_{\text{col}}$



- Correct self-similar solution [K. Molvig et al., *PRL* 113 (2014)] obtained for  $t \gg \tau_{\text{col}}$
- Test of implicit solver with  $\Delta t = 4 \times 10^4 \tau_{\text{col}}$
- Successfully benchmarked against the DSMC VPIC code [Yin et al, *Phys. Plasmas*, 2016]





# Rosenbluth-Fokker-Planck **collision operator:** Velocity Space Adaptivity

# 1D-2V Rosenbluth-VFP model: analytical velocity space adaptivity (cont.)

Normalization of collision operator

$$\hat{C}_{\alpha\beta} = v_{th,\alpha}^3 C_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\hat{C}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}}{v_{th,\beta}^3} \hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha} \cdot \left[ \hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha} \hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha} \hat{G}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha} \hat{f}_\alpha - \frac{m_\alpha}{m_\beta} \hat{f}_\alpha \hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha} \hat{H}_{\alpha\beta} \right]$$

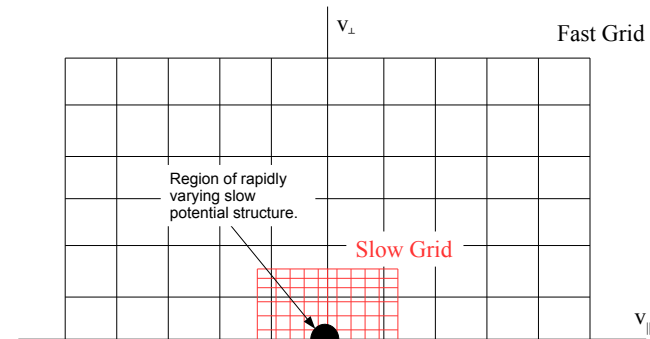
$$\hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha}^2 \hat{H}_{\alpha\beta} = -8\pi \hat{f}_\beta \left( \hat{v}_\beta = \hat{v}_\alpha \frac{v_{th,\alpha}}{v_{th,\beta}} \right) \quad \hat{\nabla}_{v_\alpha}^2 \hat{G}_{\alpha\beta} = \hat{H}_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\alpha\beta} = H_\beta \frac{v_{th,\beta}^3}{v_{th,\alpha}^2} \quad \hat{G}_{\alpha\beta} = G_\beta \frac{v_{th,\beta}^3}{v_{th,\alpha}^4}$$

Procedure requires a **transfer operation of  $\hat{f}_\beta$  to  $\hat{v}_\alpha$  space**, which can be problematic when  $\hat{v}_\alpha \gg \hat{v}_\beta$  or  $\hat{v}_\beta \gg \hat{v}_\alpha$ : **asymptotic treatment**

# Velocity space adaption does not help for interspecies collisions

- For electron-ion collisions,  $v_{th,e}/v_{th,i} \gg 1$
- Similarly, for  $\alpha$ -ion collisions,  $v_{th,\alpha}/v_{th,i} \gg 1$



- Very stringent mesh resolution requirements if determining potentials via:

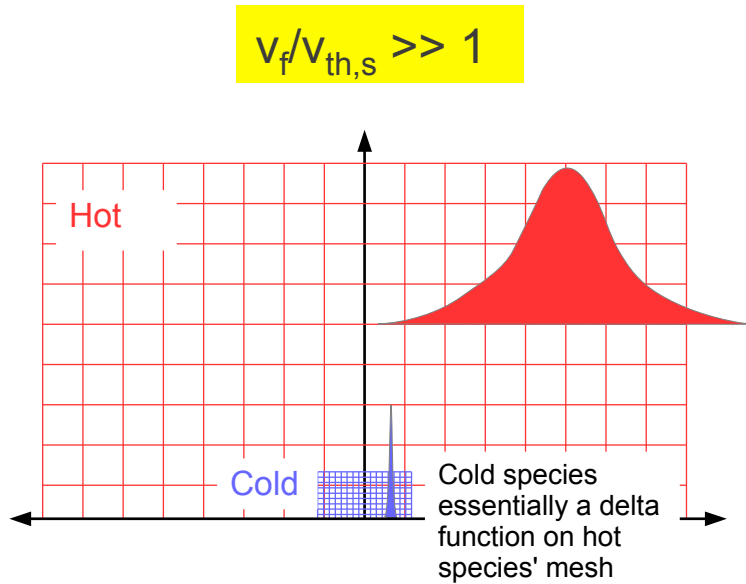
$$\nabla_v^2 H_j(\vec{v}) = -8\pi f_j(\vec{v}) \quad \nabla_v^2 G_j(\vec{v}) = H_j(\vec{v})$$

- Mesh requirement grows as:

$$N_v^d \propto \left( \frac{v_{th,f}}{v_{th,s}} \right)^d$$

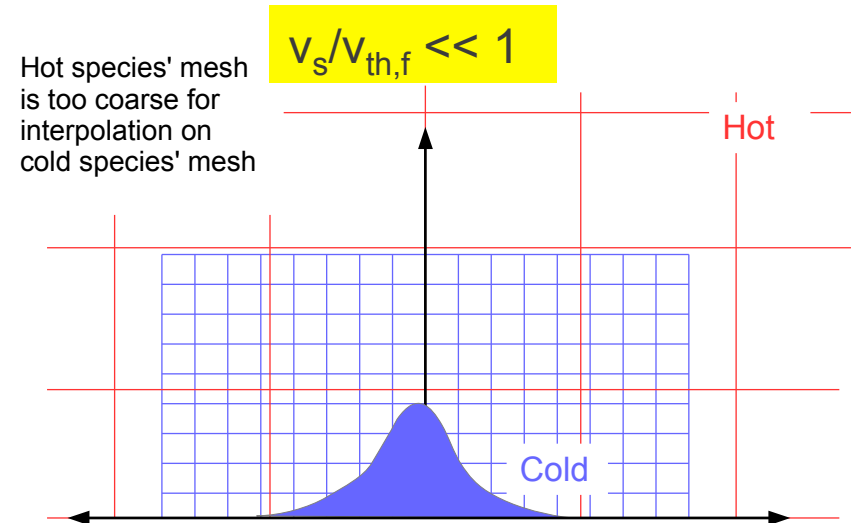
- Velocity space adaption helps **ONLY** for self-species, but not for interspecies! **We need an asymptotic treatment**

# 1D-2V Rosenbluth-VFP model: Asymptotic Formulation of Interspecies Collisions for $v_{th,f} \gg v_{th,s}$



$$H_s = \frac{n_s}{v} + \frac{n_s \mathbf{V}_s \cdot \mathbf{v}}{v^3} + \dots$$

$$G_s = n_s v - \frac{n_s \mathbf{V}_s \cdot \mathbf{v}}{v} + \nabla_v \nabla_v v : \left( \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 v' f'_s \mathbf{v}' \mathbf{v}' \right) + \dots$$



$$H_f = \mathbf{v} \cdot \left( \int d^3 v' f'_f \frac{\mathbf{v}'}{v'^3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} : \left[ \int d^3 v' f'_f \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \left( \frac{1}{v'} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} : \left[ \int d^3 v' f'_f \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \left( \frac{1}{v'} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{24} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} : \left[ \int d^3 v' f'_f \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \left( \frac{1}{v'} \right) \right] + \dots$$

$$G_f = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} : \left( \int d^3 v' f'_f \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} v' \right) - \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} : \left( \int d^3 v' f'_f \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} v' \right) + \frac{1}{24} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} : \left( \int d^3 v' f'_f \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} \nabla_{v'} v' \right) + \dots$$

# Rosenbluth-Fokker-Planck **collision operator**: conservation of mass, momentum, and energy



## 2V Rosenbluth-FP collision operator: conservation properties

- Conservation properties of FP collision operator result from symmetries:

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta} \nabla_v \cdot \left[ \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,G} - \frac{m_\alpha}{m_\beta} \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \right]$$

Mass

$$\langle 1, C_{\alpha\beta} \rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left. \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,G} - \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \right|_{\vec{\partial}_v} = 0$$

Momentum

$$m_\alpha \langle \vec{v}, C_{\alpha\beta} \rangle_{\vec{v}} = -m_\beta \langle \vec{v}, C_{\beta\alpha} \rangle_{\vec{v}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle 1, J_{\alpha\beta,G}^\parallel - J_{\beta\alpha,H}^\parallel \rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0$$

Energy

$$m_\alpha \{ \langle v^2, C_{\alpha\beta} \rangle_{\vec{v}} \} = -m_\beta \{ \langle v^2, C_{\beta\alpha} \rangle_{\vec{v}} \} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{\beta\alpha,G} - \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0$$

## 2V Rosenbluth-FP collision operator: numerical conservation of **energy**

- The symmetry to enforce is:  $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{\beta\alpha,G} - \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0$
- Due to discretization error:  $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{\beta\alpha,G} - \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \rangle_{\vec{v}} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta_v)$
- We introduce a constraint coefficient such that:

$$\langle \vec{v}, \gamma_{\beta\alpha} \vec{J}_{\beta\alpha,G} - \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0 \quad \gamma_{\beta\alpha} = \frac{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \rangle_{\vec{v}}}{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{\beta\alpha,G} \rangle_{\vec{v}}} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_v)$$

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta} \nabla_v \cdot \left[ \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,G} - \frac{m_\alpha}{m_\beta} \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \right]$$

- Discretization is nonlinear, and ensures that, numerically:

$$m_\alpha \{ \langle v^2, C_{\alpha\beta} \rangle_{\vec{v}} \} = -m_\beta \{ \langle v^2, C_{\beta\alpha} \rangle_{\vec{v}} \}$$

## 2V Rosenbluth-FP collision operator: numerical conservation of **momentum+energy**

- Simultaneous conservation of momentum and energy requires enforcing both symmetries numerically:

with:

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta} \nabla_v \cdot \left[ \underline{\eta}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,G} - \frac{m_\alpha}{m_\beta} \vec{J}_{\alpha\beta,H} \right]$$

$$\underline{\eta}_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon_{||,\alpha\beta} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Momentum

Energy

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{H,\beta\alpha} \rangle_{\vec{v}} - \epsilon_{\alpha\beta,||}^+ \langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{G,\alpha\beta} \rangle_{\vec{v}-\vec{u}}^{+\infty}}{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{J}_{G,\alpha\beta} \rangle_{\vec{v}}}$$

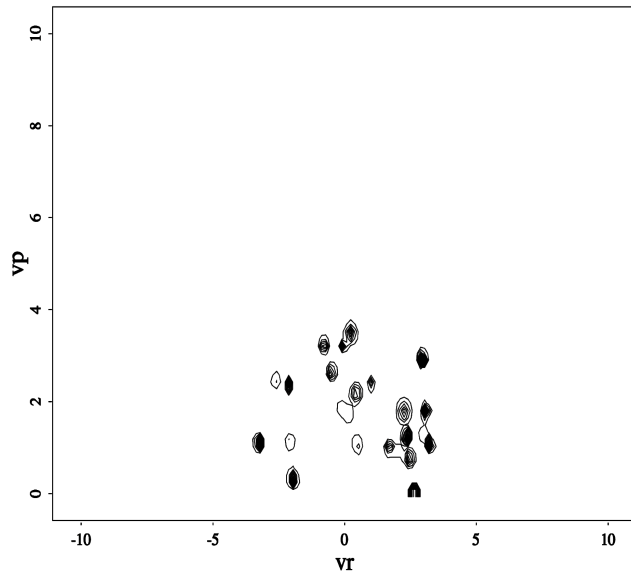
$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \epsilon_{||,\alpha\beta}^- = 0 & \text{if } v_{||} - u_{avg,||,\alpha\beta} \leq 0 \\ \epsilon_{||,\alpha\beta}^+ = \frac{\langle 1, J_{H,\beta\alpha,||} \rangle_{\vec{v}} - \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \langle 1, J_{G,\alpha\beta,||} \rangle_{\vec{v}}}{\langle 1, J_{G,\alpha\beta,||} \rangle_{\vec{v}-\vec{u}_{avg,\alpha\beta}}^{+\infty}} & \text{else} \end{array} \right\}$$

## 2V Rosenbluth-FP collision operator: numerical preservation of **positivity**

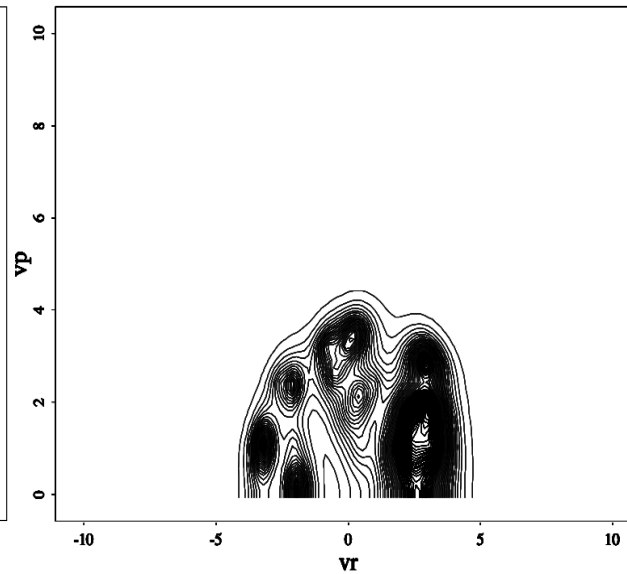
- RFP collision operator is an advection-(tensor) diffusion operator in velocity space
- Use **SMART** (Gaskell & Law, 1988) for **advection**
  - High-order advection when possible
  - Reverts to upwinding otherwise
  - Monotonic, positivity preserving
  - Suitable for implicit timestepping
- Use **limited tensor diffusion** (Lipnikov et al., 2012) for **tensor diffusion** component
  - Maximum-principle preserving
  - Compatible with nonlinear iterative solvers

# Single-species initial random distribution: Thermalization to a Maxwellian

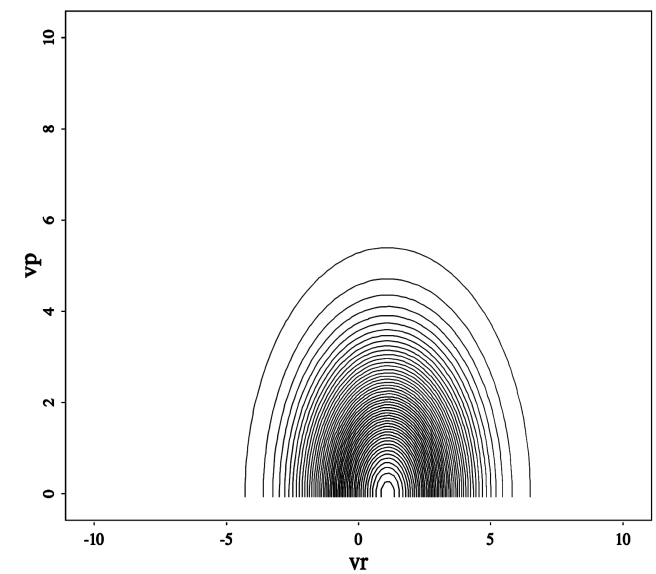
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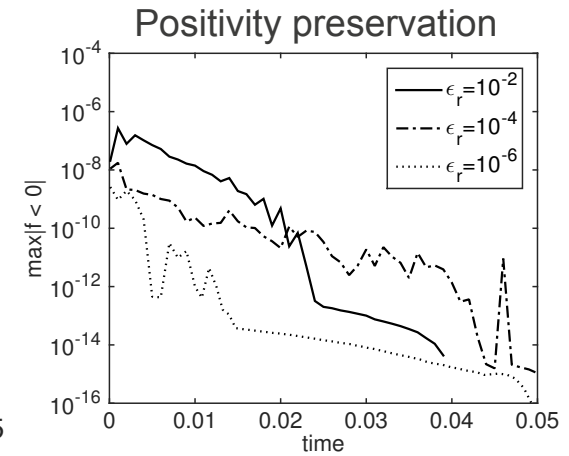
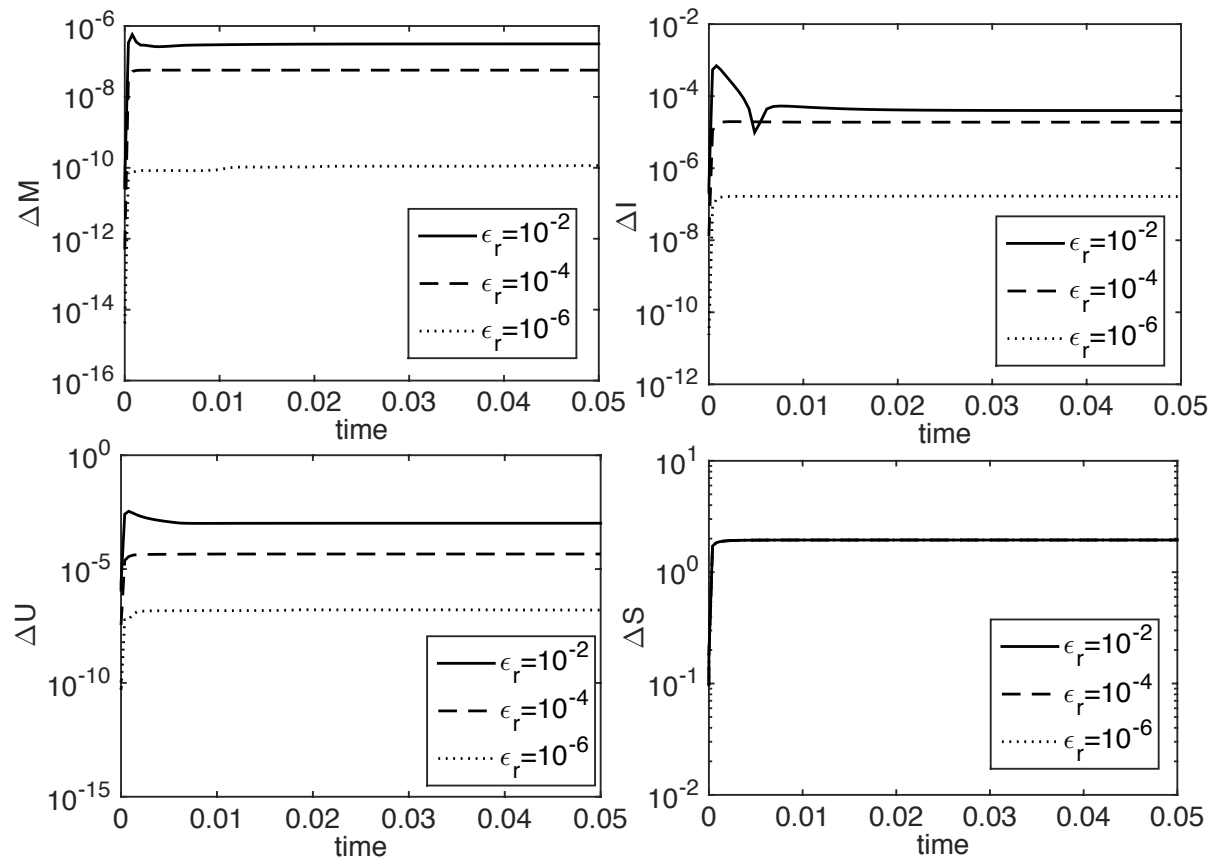
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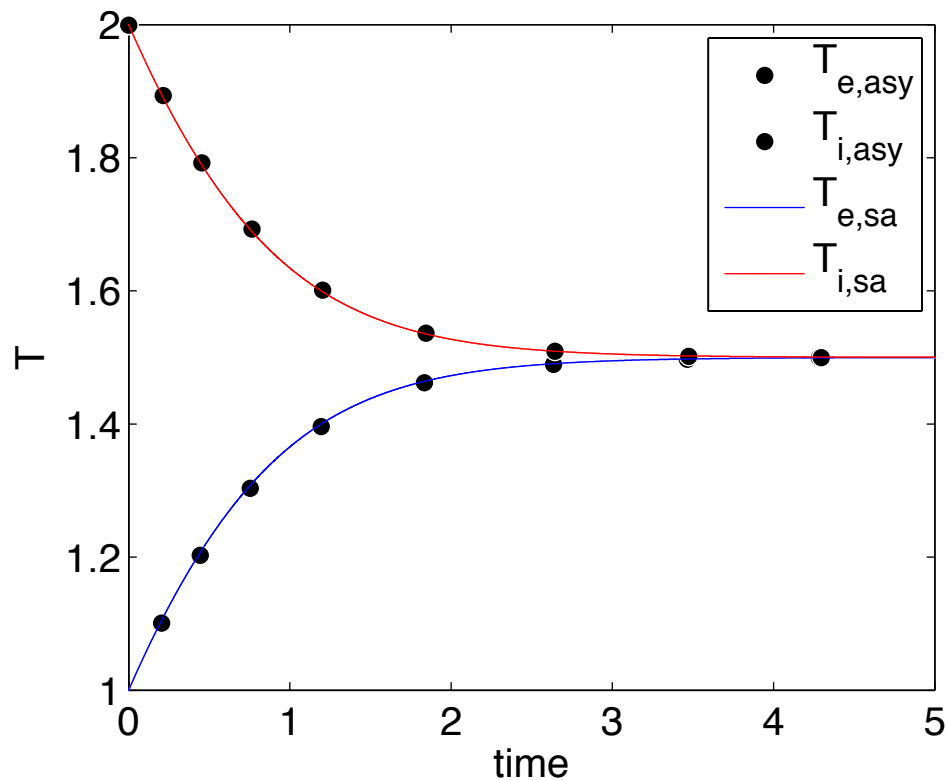


# Single-species random distribution: Conservation properties



# Electron-proton Temperature relaxation: Asymptotic treatment test & mesh savings

- Realistic mass ratio,  $m_i/m_e = 1836$
- Temperature disparity of 2  $\Rightarrow v_{th,e} \sim 60 v_{th,i}$



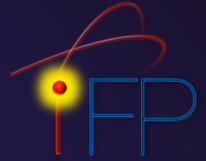
Mesh used with asymptotics: 128x64

Brute force (no asymptotics) will require:

$$2 \left( \frac{v_{th,e}}{v_{th,i}} n_{min} \right)^2 \sim 2400 \times 1200$$

Velocity mesh savings of ~350!

# $v_{th}$ adaptivity provides an enabling capability to simulate ICF plasmas



- D-e- $\alpha$ , 3 species thermalization problem

- Resolution with static grid:

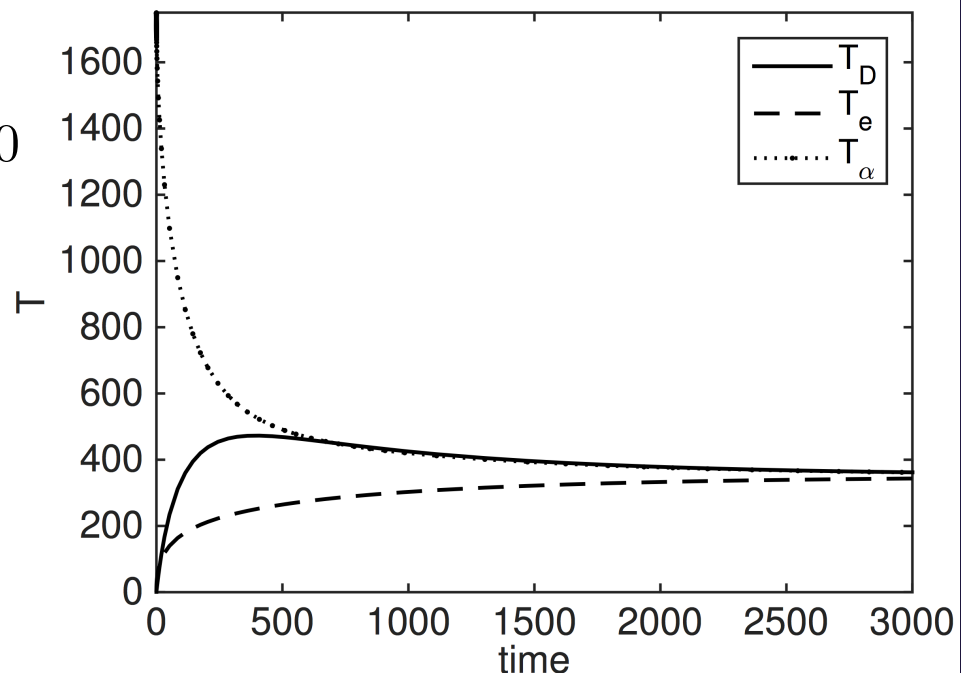
$$N_v \sim 2 \left( \frac{v_{th,e,\infty}}{v_{th,D,0}} \right)^2 = 140000 \times 70000$$

- Resolution with adaptivity and asymptotics:

$$N_v = 128 \times 64$$

- Mesh savings of

$$\sim 10^6$$





**1D-2V Vlasov equation:**  
**Conservation properties with velocity space adaptivity**

# Temporal Inertial Terms

# Vlasov equation with adaptivity in velocity space:

## Temporal inertial terms

- Focus on temporal inertial terms due to normalization wrt  $v_{th}(r,t)$  (0D):

$$\frac{\partial \hat{f}_\alpha}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \ln T_\alpha}{\partial t} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot \left[ \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right] = 0$$

- Which can be rewritten as:

$$v_{th,\alpha}^2 \frac{\partial \hat{f}_\alpha}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot \left( \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) = 0$$

- Mass conservation can be trivially shown from this equation by integrating in velocity space

$$v_{th}^2 \frac{\partial n_\alpha}{\partial t} = 0$$

# VE with adaptivity in velocity space:

## Conservation of momentum

$$v_{th,\alpha}^2 \frac{\partial \hat{f}_\alpha}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) = 0$$

- Rewrite as:

$$v_{th,\alpha} \left\{ \partial_t (v_{th,\alpha} \hat{f}_\alpha) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right] \right\} = 0$$

- Momentum conservation can be trivially shown by taking second velocity moment and gives:

$$v_{th} \frac{\partial (n_\alpha \vec{u}_\alpha)}{\partial t} = 0$$

- This property relies on the fact that:

$$\left\langle \vec{\hat{v}}, \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right\rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0$$

- This property must be enforced numerically:

$$\left\langle \vec{\hat{v}}, \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot \left( \underline{\underline{\Upsilon}}_{t,\alpha} \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right\rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\Upsilon}}_{t,\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \Upsilon_{\parallel,\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# VE adaptivity in velocity space: Conservation of energy

$$v_{th,\alpha}^2 \frac{\partial \hat{f}_\alpha}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) = 0$$

- Rewrite as:

$$\partial_t \left( v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right] = 0$$

- Energy conservation can be trivially shown by taking first velocity moment and gives:

$$\frac{\partial U_\alpha}{\partial t} = 0$$

- This property relies on the fact that:

$$\left\langle \hat{v}^2, \hat{f}_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right\rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0$$

- This property must be enforced numerically:

$$\left\langle \hat{v}^2, \hat{f}_\alpha + \frac{\gamma_{t,\alpha}}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right\rangle_{\vec{v}} = 0 \quad \gamma_{t,\alpha} = - \frac{\left\langle \frac{\hat{v}^2}{2}, \hat{f}_\alpha \right\rangle_{\hat{v}}}{\left\langle \frac{\hat{v}^2}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right\rangle_{\hat{v}}}$$

# VE adaptivity in velocity space: All conservation laws

$$v_{th,\alpha}^2 \frac{\partial \hat{f}_\alpha}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2}{2} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) = 0$$

• Rewrite as:

$$\partial_t (v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{f}_\alpha) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \gamma_{t,\alpha} \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right] + \xi_{t,\alpha} = 0$$

Truncation  
error

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{t,\alpha} = v_{th,\alpha} \left\{ \partial_t (v_{th,\alpha} \hat{f}_\alpha) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\underline{\gamma}_{t,\alpha} \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right] \right\} + \eta_{t,\alpha} \\ - \left\{ \partial_t (v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{f}_\alpha) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{t,\alpha}(v) = & \left\{ v_{th,\alpha}^2 \partial_t \hat{f}_\alpha - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right\} \\ & - v_{th,\alpha} \left\{ \partial_t (v_{th,\alpha} \hat{f}_\alpha) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot (\vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# 1D Spatial Inertial Terms

# VE adaptivity in velocity space:

## Spatial inertial terms

- All Coriolis terms due to normalization wrt  $\mathbf{v}_{th}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ :

$$v_{th,\alpha}^2 \partial_t \hat{f}_\alpha + v_{th,\alpha}^2 \partial_x \left( v_{th,\alpha} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left[ \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right] - v_{th,\alpha} \partial_x v_{th,\alpha}^2 \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left[ \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right] = 0$$

- Conservation of momentum:

$$v_{th,\alpha} \left\{ \partial_t \left( v_{th,\alpha} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot \left( \underline{\gamma}_{t,\alpha} \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] + \right. \\ \left. \partial_x \left( v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - v_{th,\alpha} \partial_x v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha + \hat{\nabla}_v \cdot \left( \underline{\gamma}_{x,\alpha} \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] \right\} = 0$$

- Conservation of energy:

$$\partial_t \left( v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \gamma_{t,\alpha} \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left( \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] + \partial_x \left( v_{th,\alpha}^3 \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \\ - v_{th,\alpha} \partial_x v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha + \gamma_{x,\alpha} \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left( \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] = 0$$



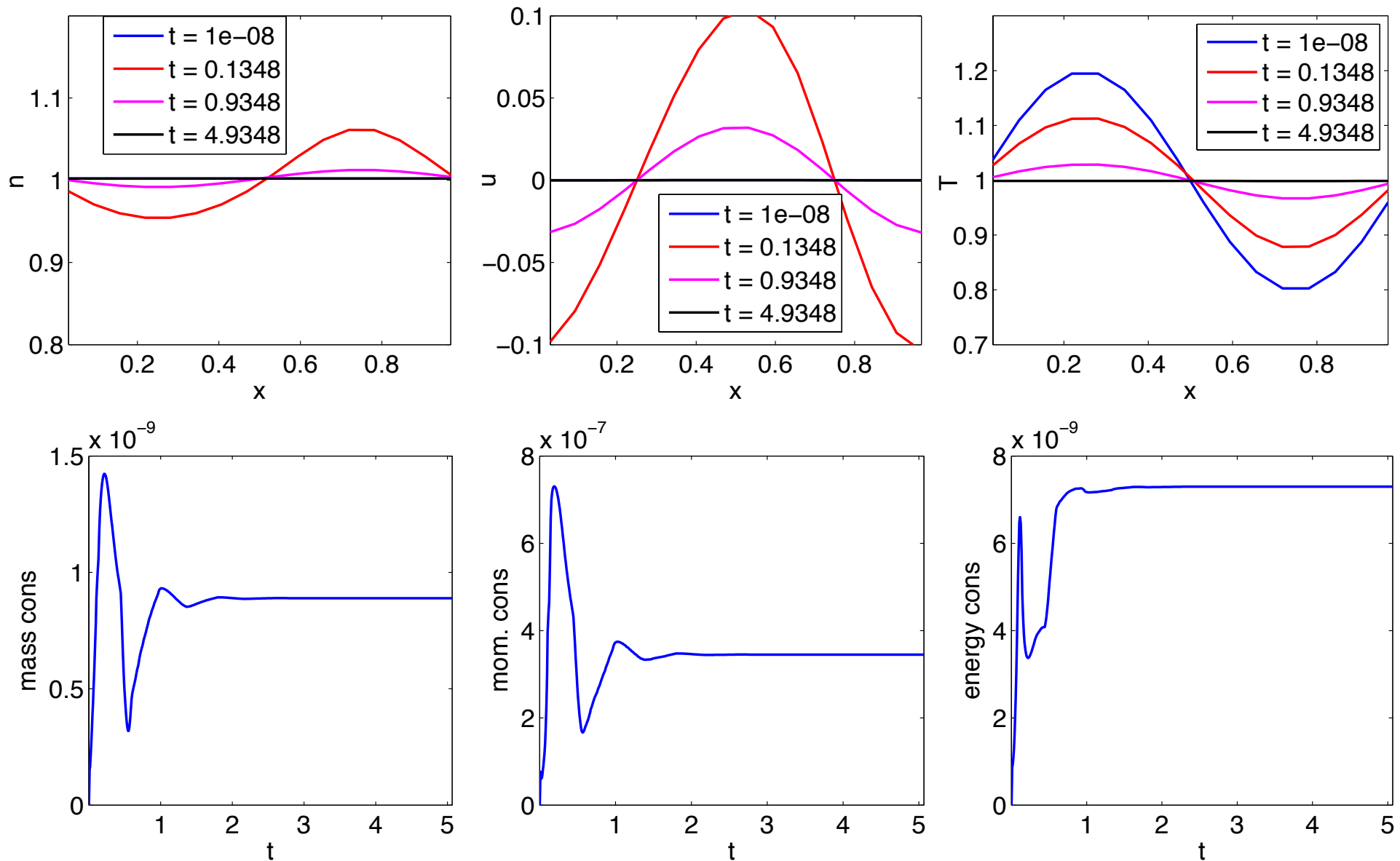
# VE adaptivity in velocity space: All conservation laws

$$\partial_t \left( v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - \partial_t v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{f}_\alpha + \gamma_{t,\alpha} \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left( \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] + \partial_x \left( v_{th,\alpha}^3 \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - v_{th,\alpha} \partial_x v_{th,\alpha}^2 \left[ \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha + \gamma_{x,\alpha} \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left( \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] + \xi_{t,\alpha} + \xi_{x,\alpha} = 0$$

Truncation error

$$\xi_{x,\alpha} = v_{th,\alpha} \left\{ \partial_x \left( v_{th,\alpha}^2 \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - v_{th,\alpha} \partial_x v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha + \frac{\gamma_{x,\alpha}}{2} \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right] \right\} + \eta_{x,\alpha} - \left\{ \partial_x \left( v_{th,\alpha}^3 \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) - v_{th,\alpha} \partial_x v_{th,\alpha} \left[ \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha + \frac{\hat{\nabla}_v}{2} \cdot \left( \vec{\hat{v}} \hat{v}_{||} \hat{f}_\alpha \right) \right] \right\}$$

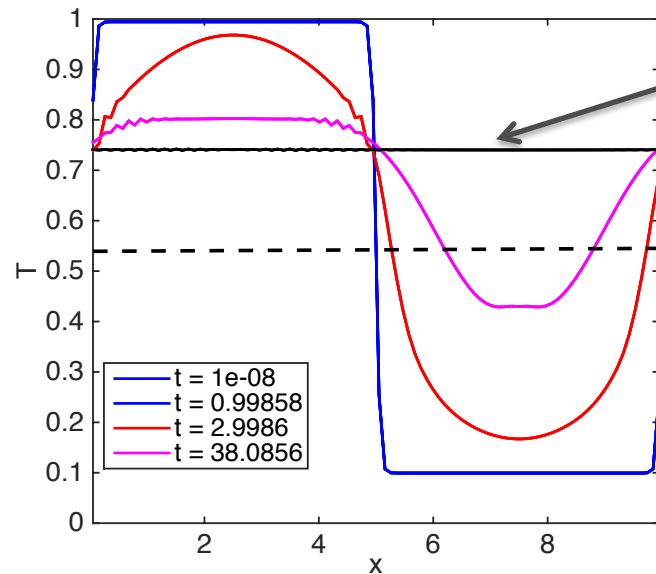
# Relaxation of sinusoidal profile



# Sharp profile relaxation problem:

$$T_{\max}/T_{\min} = 10$$

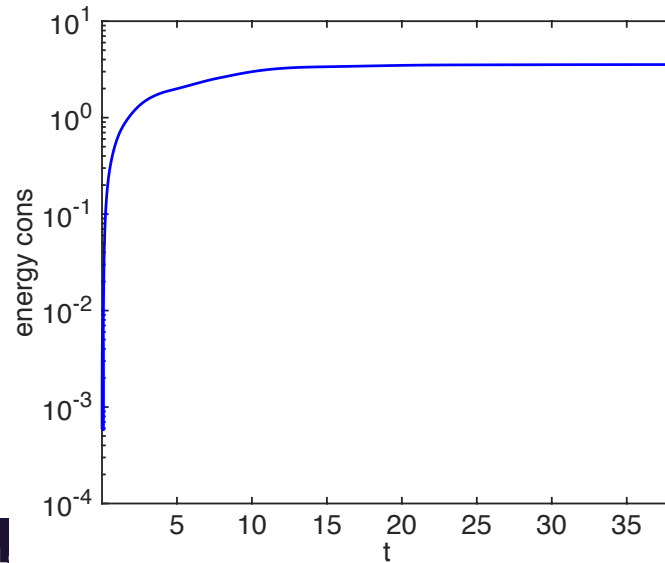
Non-conservative



Wrong equilibrium  
due to numerical  
heating

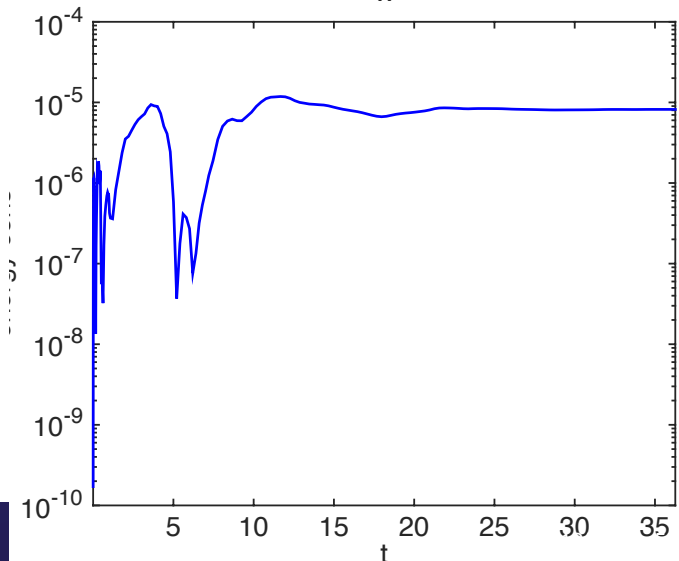
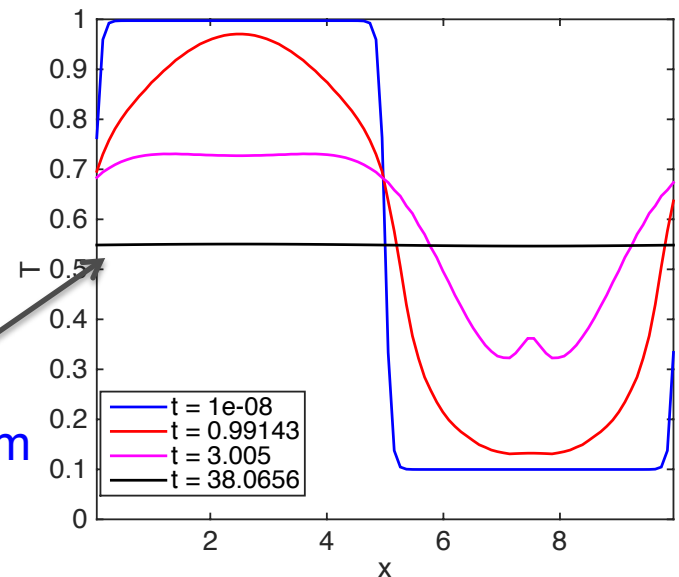
Analytical  
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Correct equilibrium  
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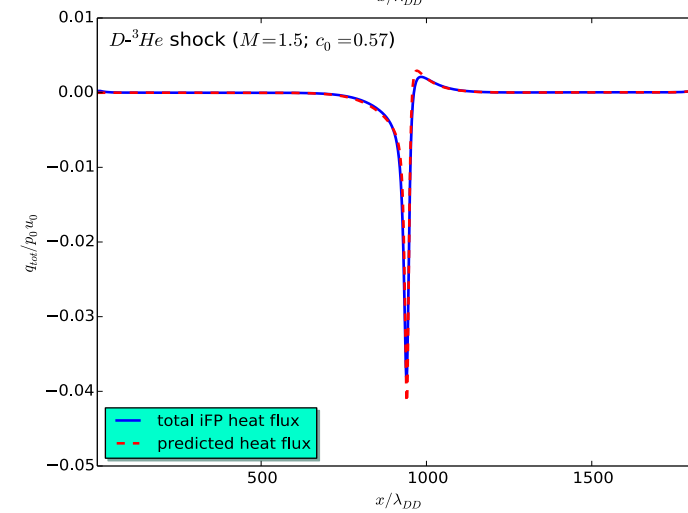
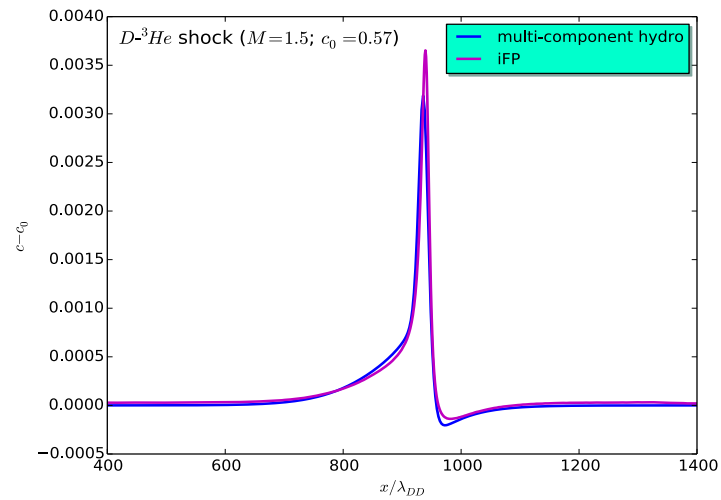
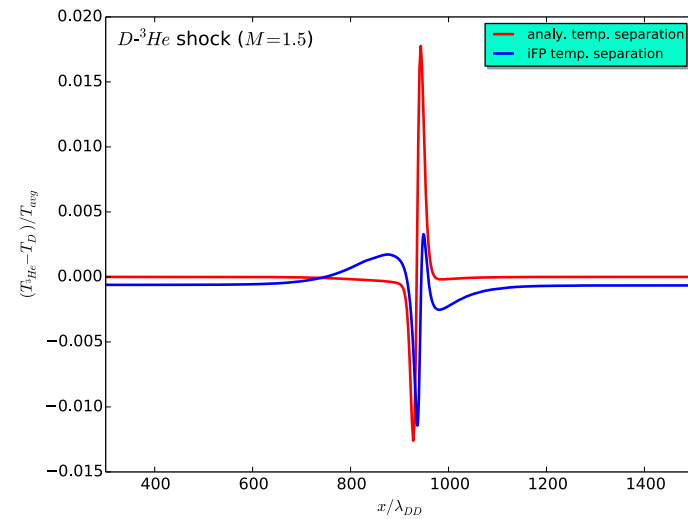
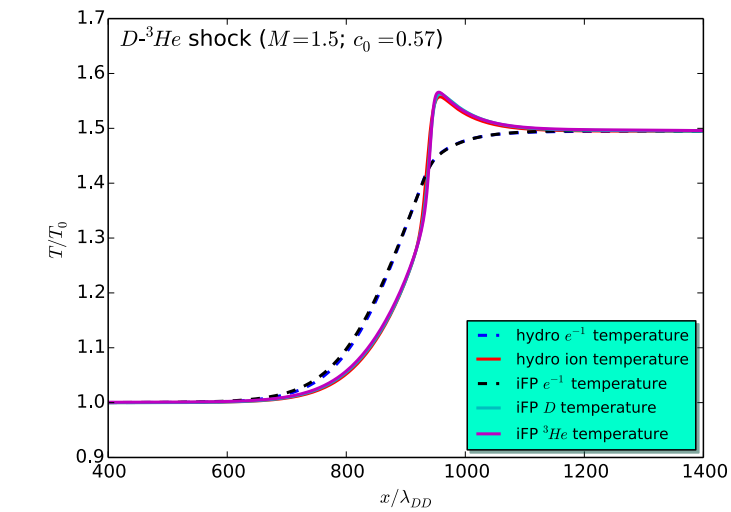
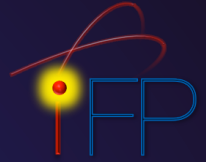


Velocity adaptation  
results in mesh savings  
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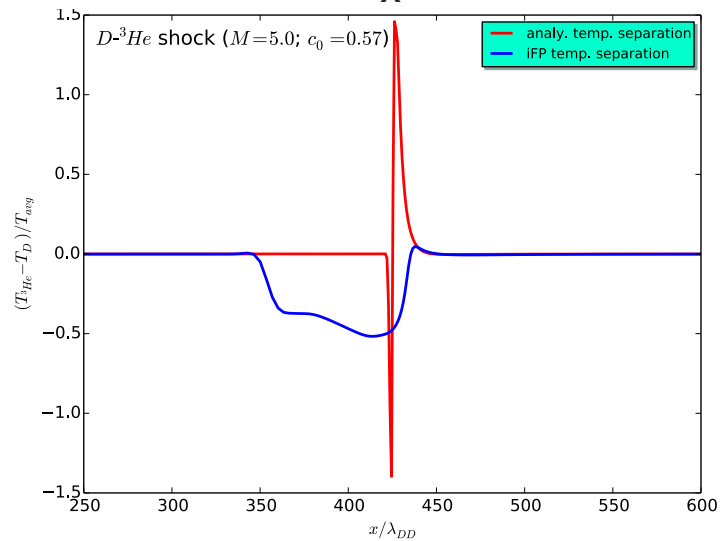
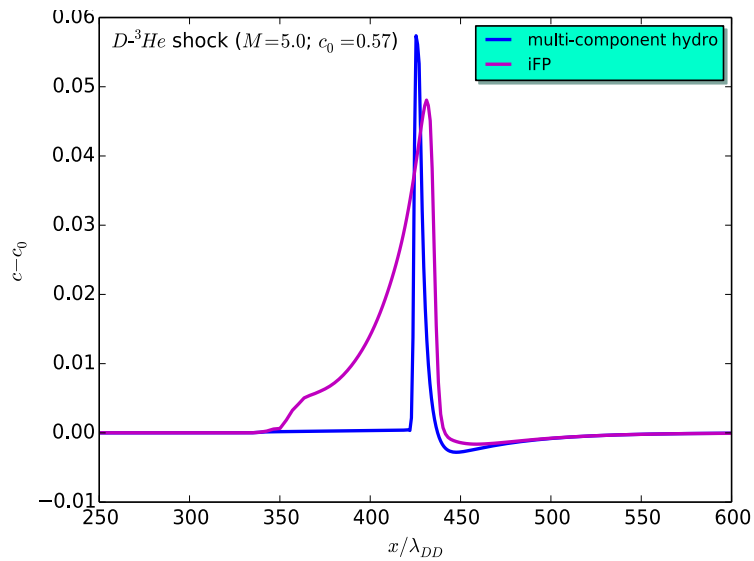
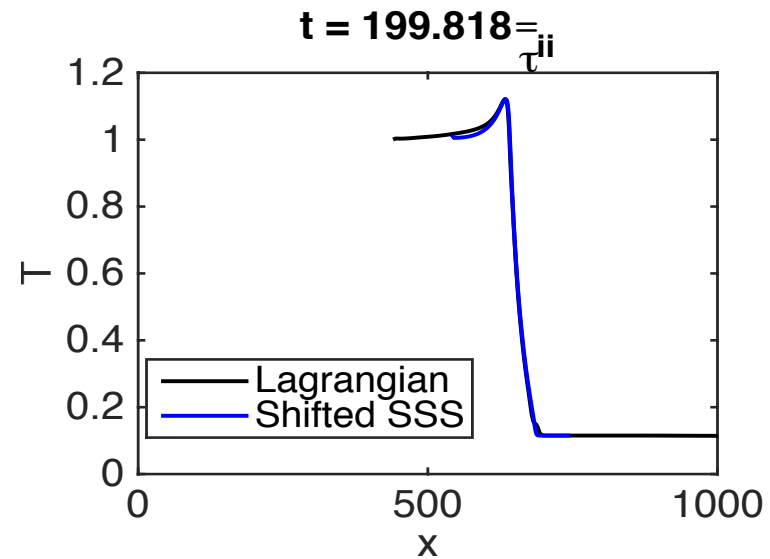
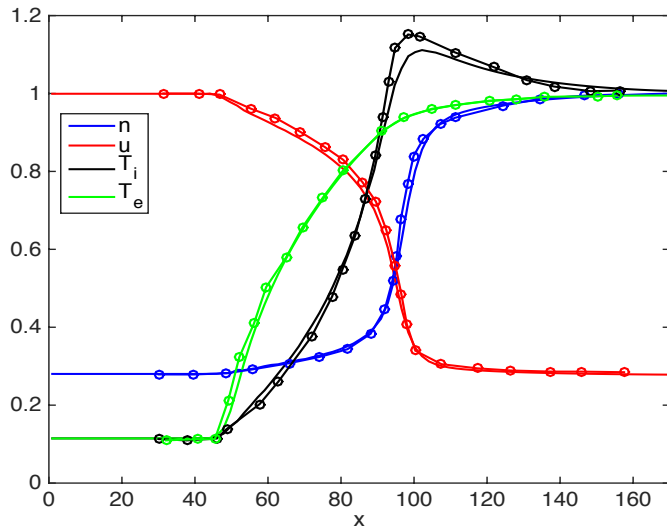
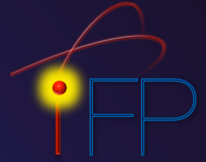
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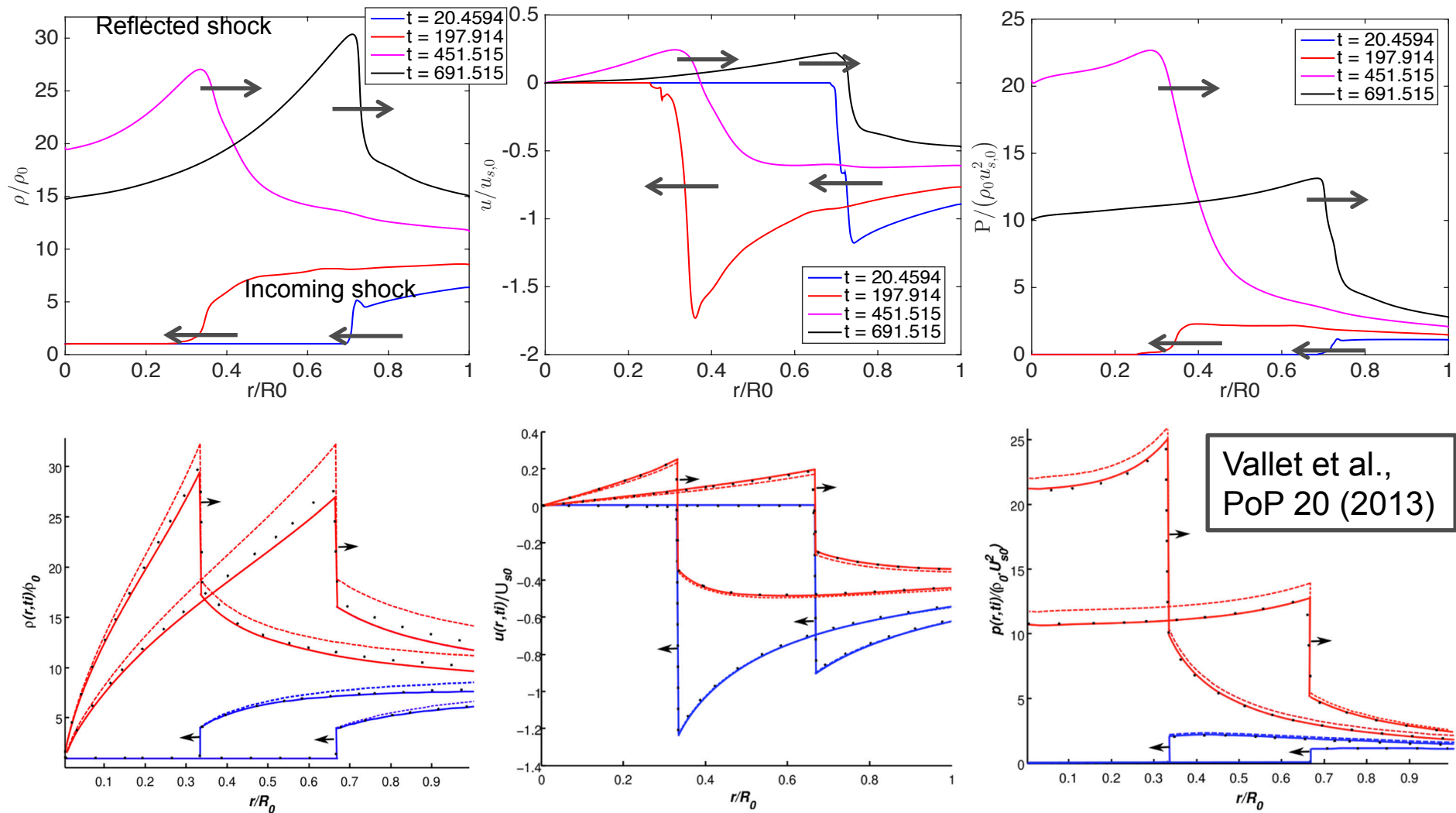
# M=1.5 Shock (fluid regime)

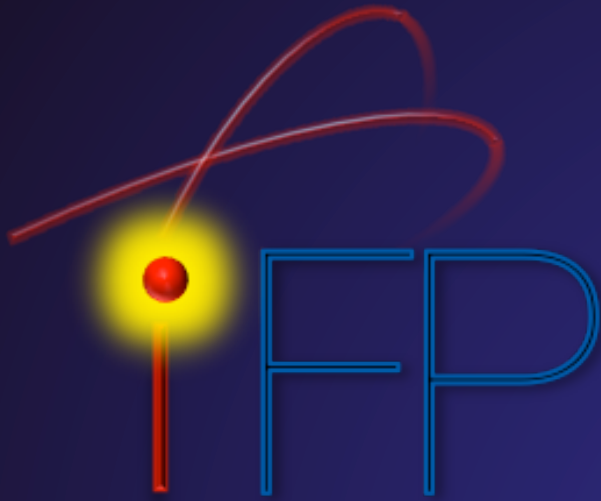


# M=5 Shock (kinetic regime)



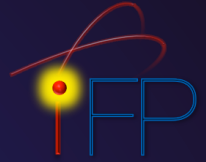
# Guderley problem (M=10 shock in **spherical** geometry)



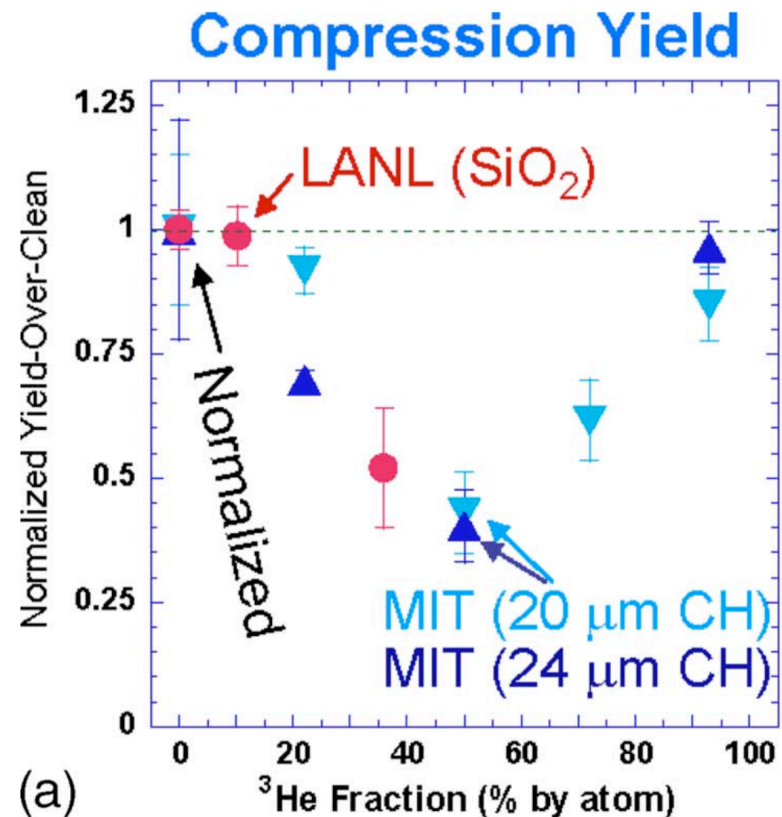


**Application:**  
**Species segregation effects on reactivity in ICF capsules (Rygg effect)**

# Rygg effect: An anomalous degradation in yield, relative to hydro simulation with varying conc.



- Rygg et al. [PoP 2006] observed anomalous yield degradations relative to 1D clean hydro simulation for hydro-equivalent setups and varying concentration of species with charge to mass ratio i.e. **Rygg effect**
- A separate study by Hermann et al. [PoP 2009] confirmed these observations with different fuel composition
- Possibly attributed to species segregation and/or mix at pusher-fuel interface, compressibility reduction, etc.



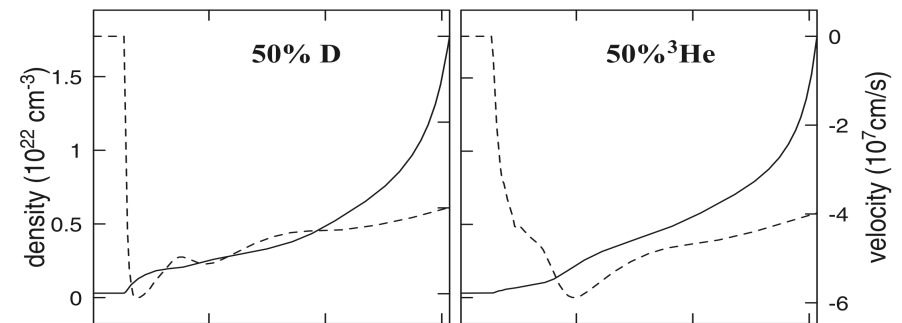
[Hermann et al. PoP 2009]



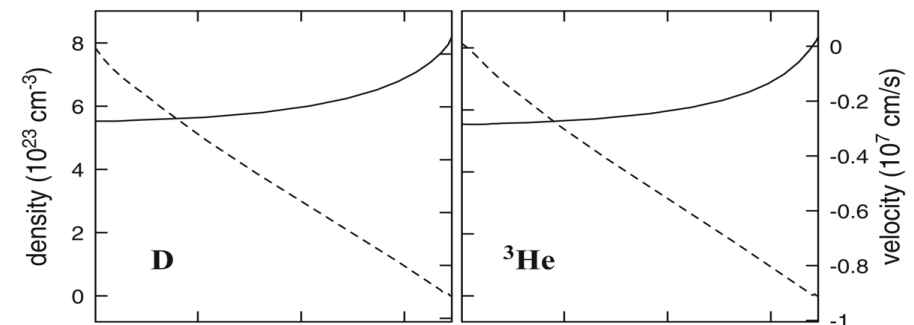
# Kinetic simulation by FPION didn't see the Rygg effect



- 15 atm fill 50:50 D-He<sup>3</sup> Omega capsule simulation with hydro boundary for fuel [Larroche, PoP, 2012]
- Species stratifies early on (shock convergence) but de-stratifies at compression
- Slight yield degradation at shock bang, but not a factor of 2 seen by Rygg and Hermann



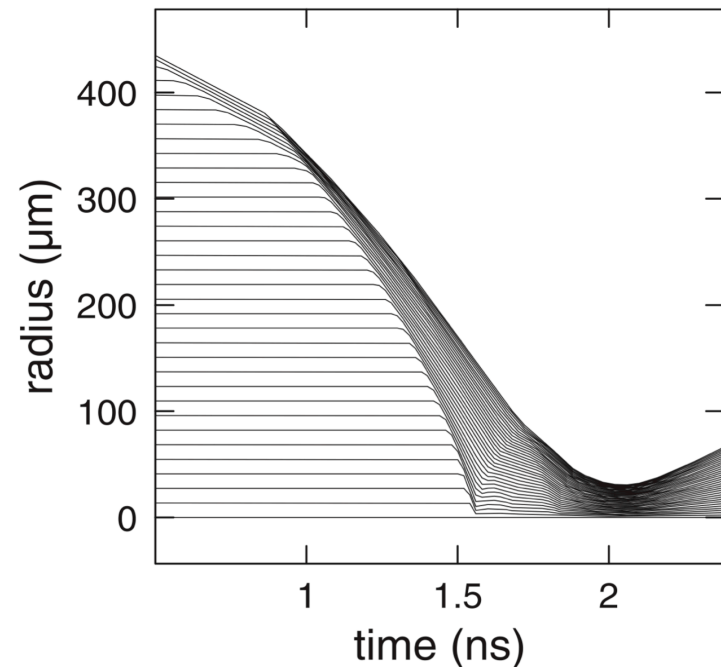
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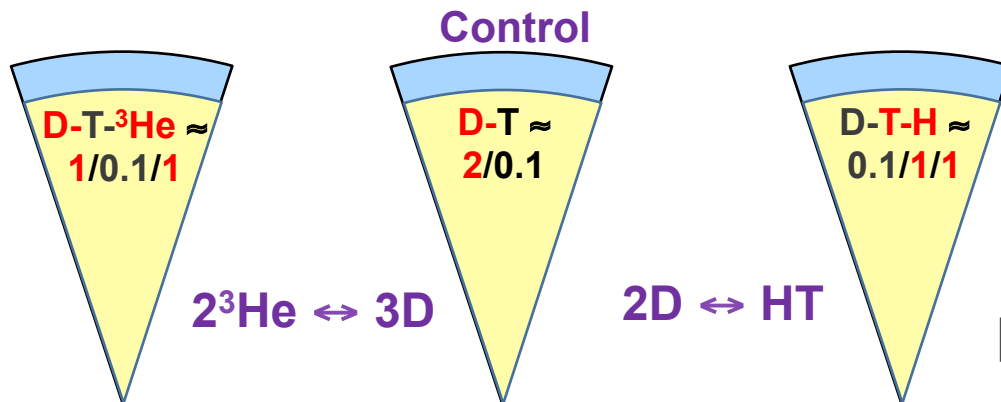
FPION: Density of D (left) and He3 (right) at compression [Larroche, PoP 2012]

# A **fuel-only** kinetic simulation with hydro-equivalence

- 15 atm D-<sup>3</sup>He fill Omega capsule simulation with hydro boundary at fuel/pusher interface [Larroche, PoP 2012, **collaborator**]
- We ignore ablator (pusher)
- We vary fuel concentration will ensuring hydro equivalence:
  - Same total mass density
  - Same total pressure (ion+electron)

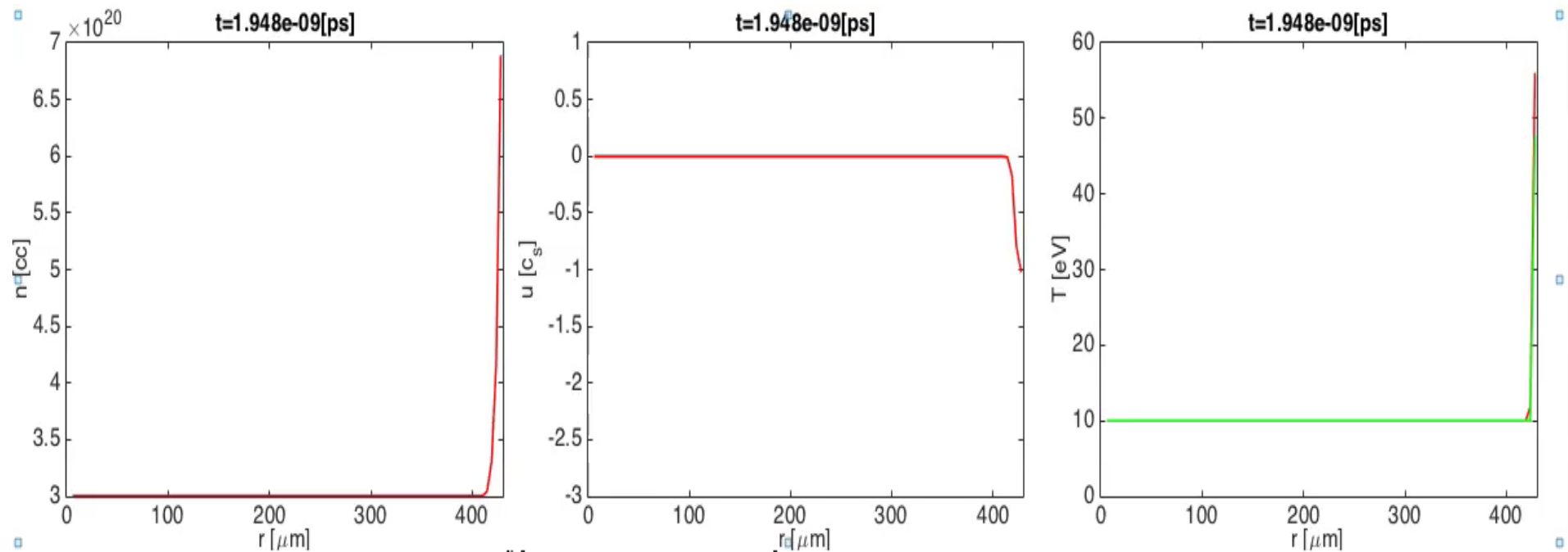


[Larroche, PoP 2012]

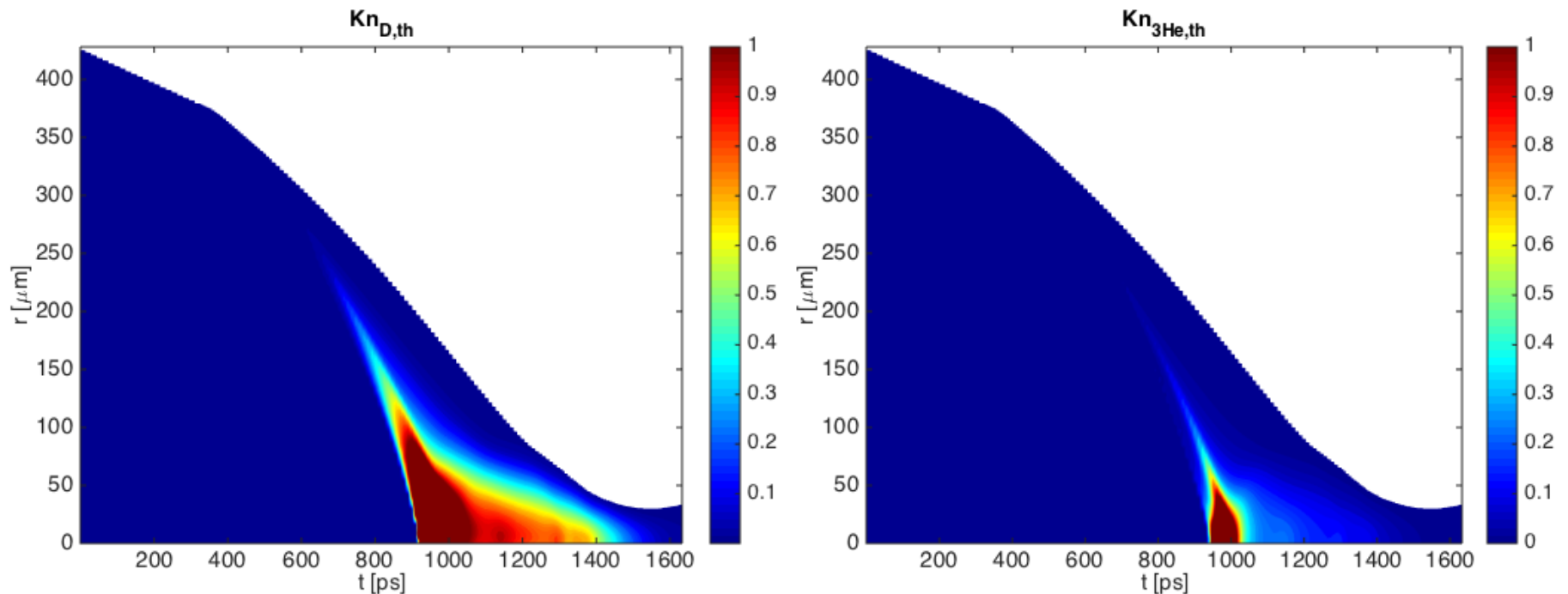
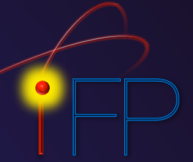


[Hermann et al., JOWOG37 2016]

# iFP observes stratification surviving at later time

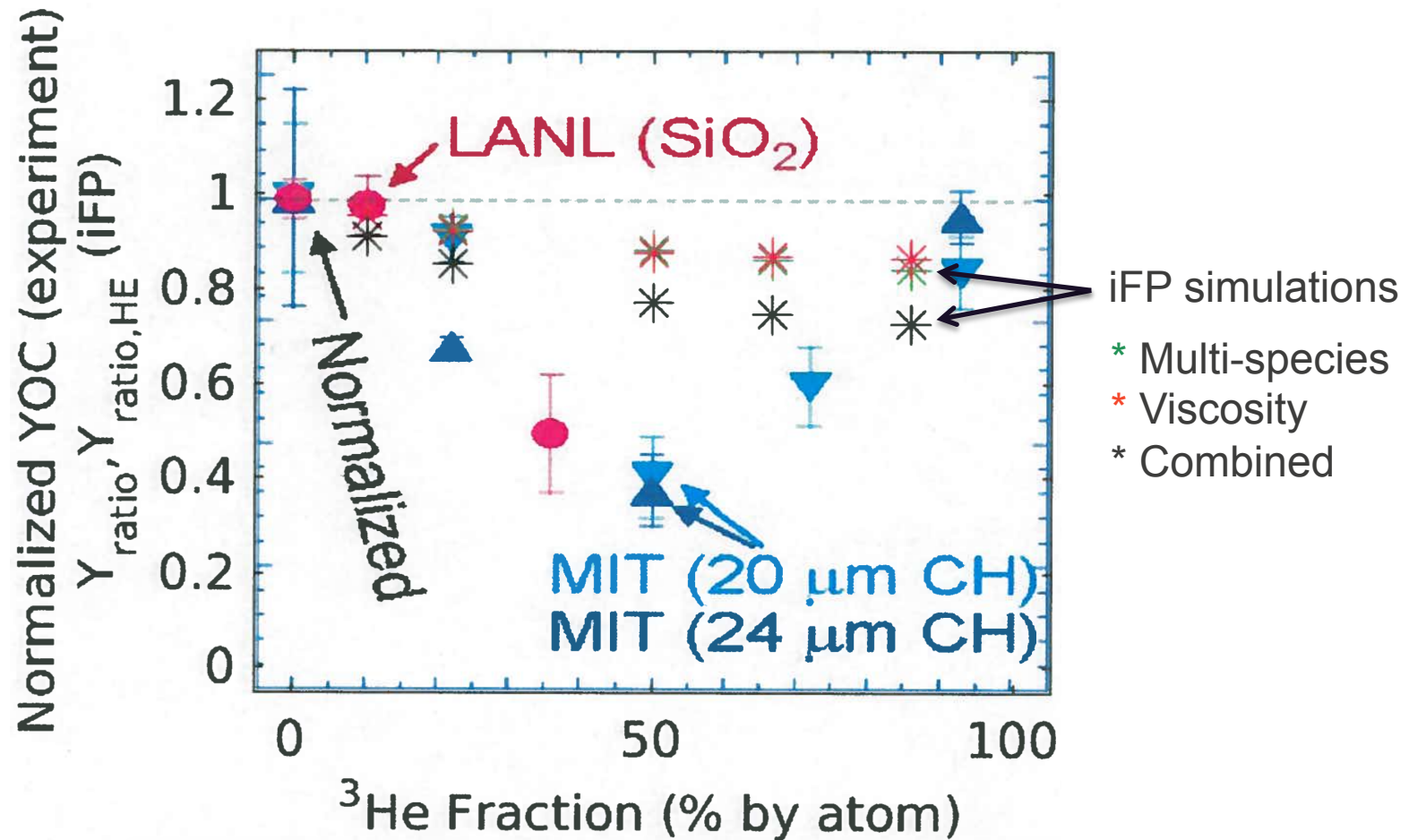
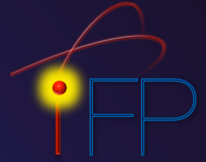


Kn reveals that D mean free path is on order capsule size for an appreciable time post shock convergence



$$Kn = \frac{\lambda_{mfp}}{R_{capsule}}$$

# iFP matches yield trends in experiments



[Hermann et al. PoP 2009]

# Conclusions

- **iFP is a first of a kind multi-scale simulation capability for ICF**
  - Implicit, scalable, adaptive, equilibrium preserving, strictly conserving
  - **Strict verification campaign** against hydro limit and other kinetic codes
- **iFP multiscale formulation and algorithm has transformed an intractable problem (beyond exascale) into a very approachable one (terascale)**
- **Algorithmic approach to Vlasov-Fokker-Planck equation has addressed long-standing issues in the field**
- **Began physics simulation campaigns**
  - For the first time, we have confirmed the **impact of species segregation and plasma viscosity in reactivity**
    - We did not find full agreement with experiments. Future work will include ablator.
  - Addressed controversies in literature on features of **kinetic shocks (not discussed)**